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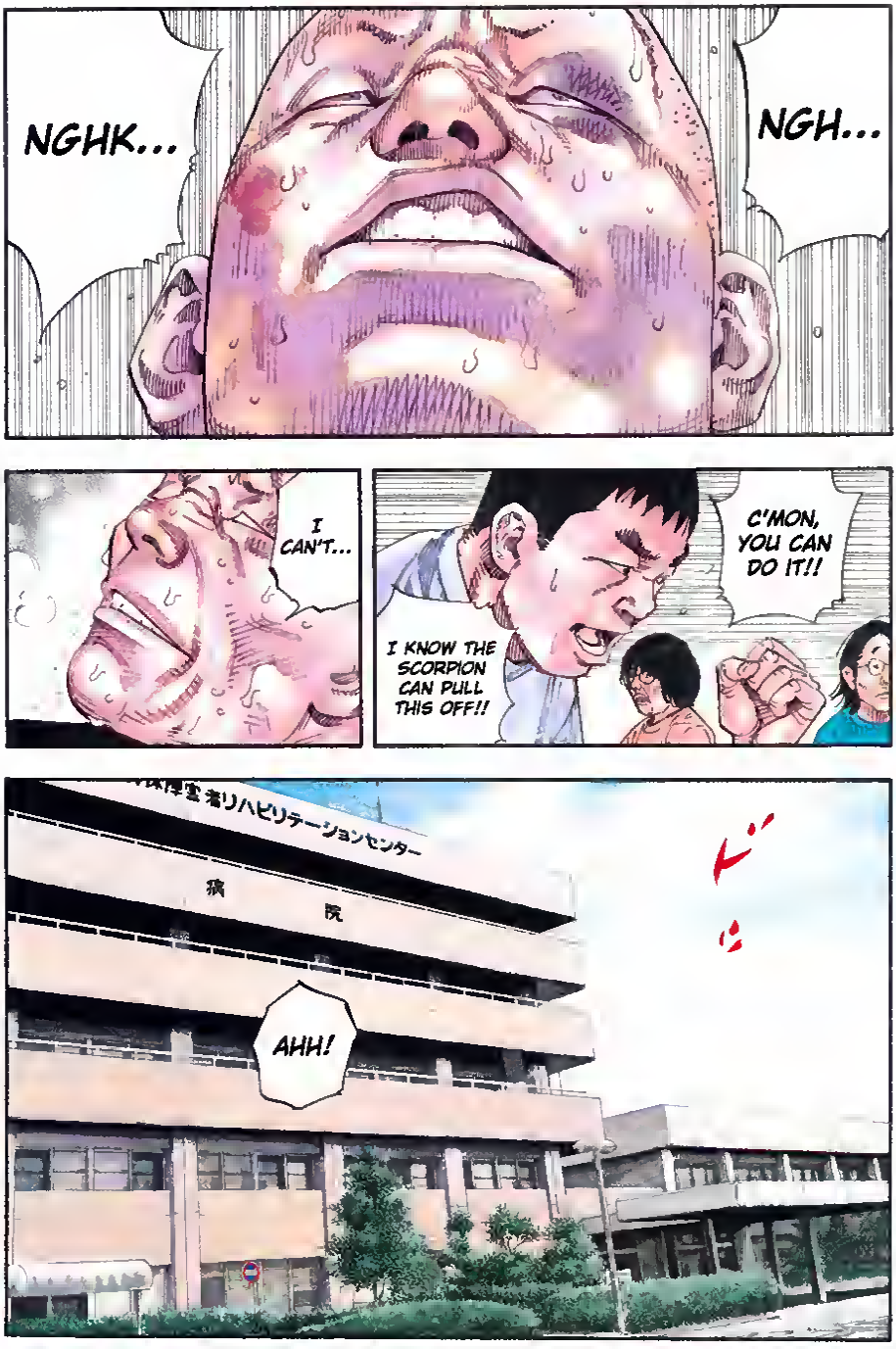
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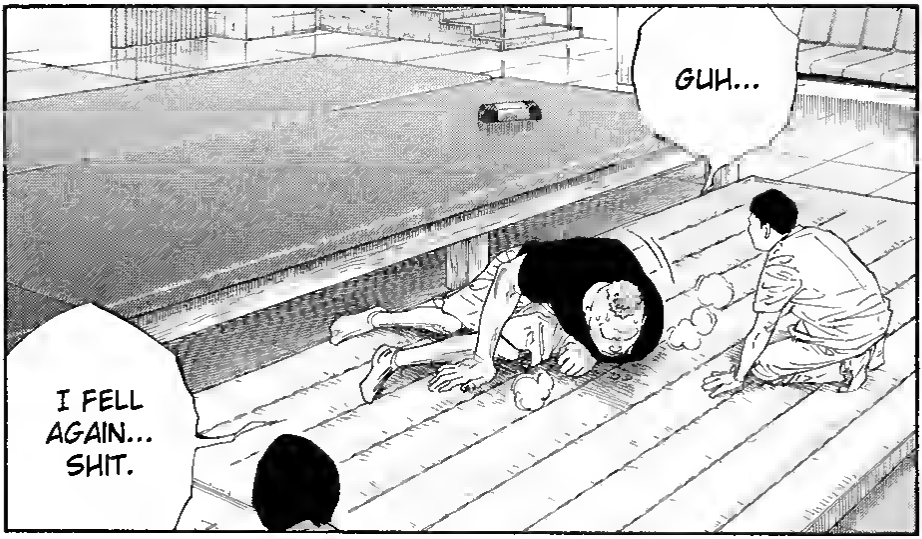
NGH...
I CAN'T...
C'MON, YOU CAN DO IT!!
I KNOW THE SCORPION CAN PULL THIS OFF!!
病院
AHH!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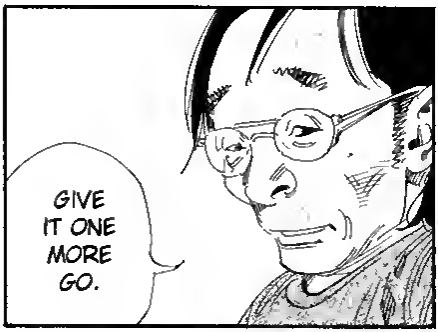
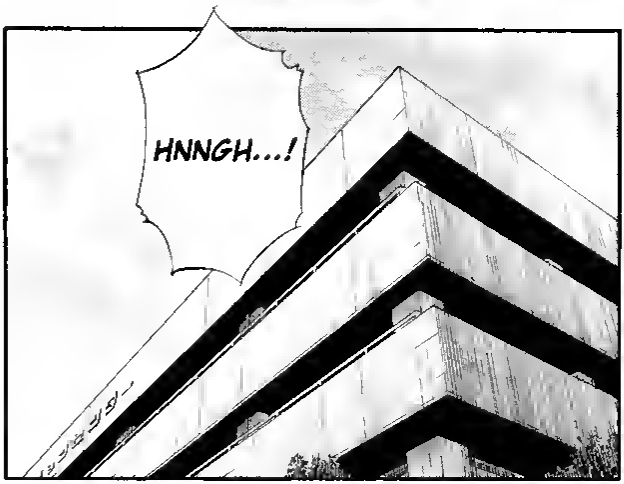
I FELL AGAIN... SHIT.


GIVE IT ONE MORE GO.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, SHIRATORI-SAN.


HNNGH...!

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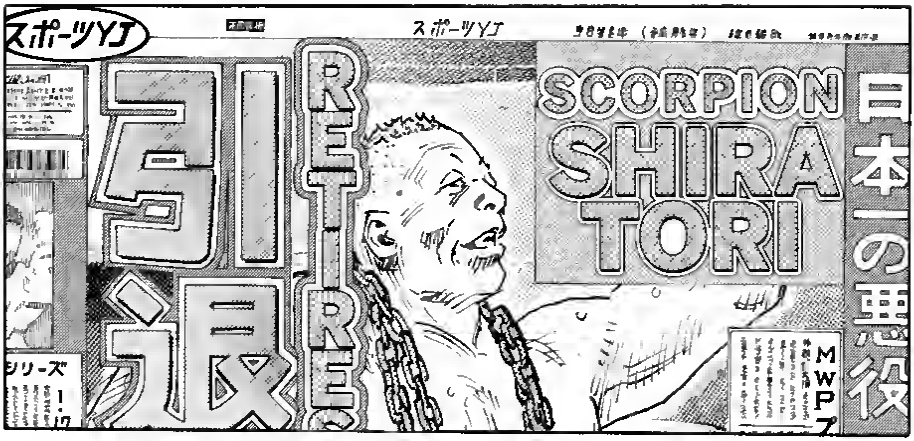
RIGHT, MASTER.
GOT IT.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TORI
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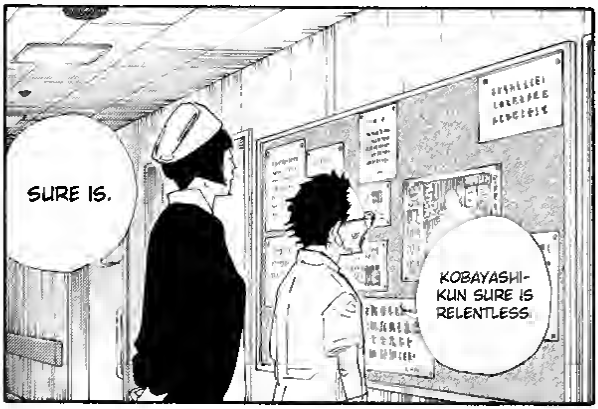
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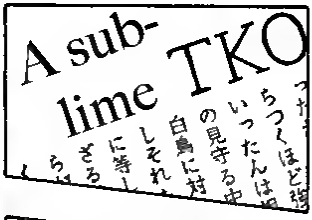
KOBAYASHI-KUN SURE IS RELENTLESS.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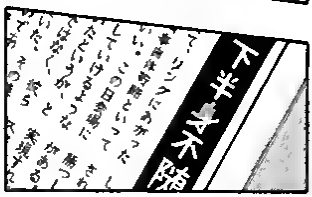
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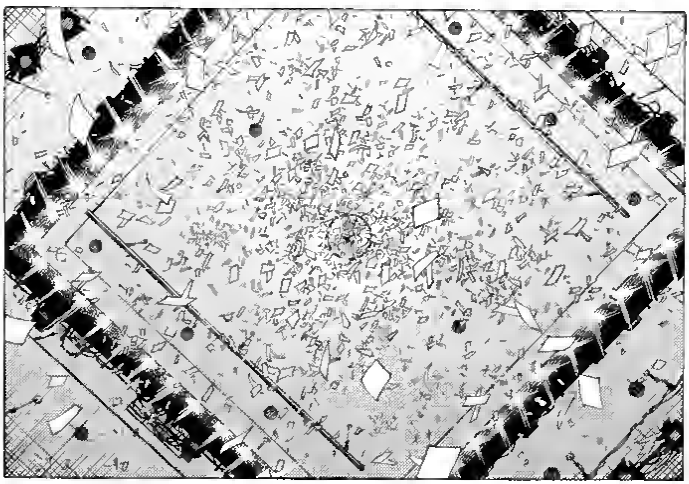
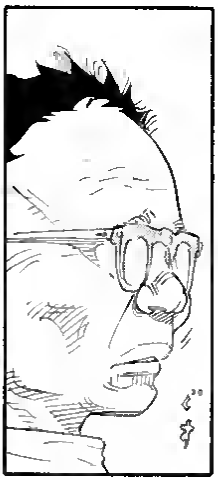
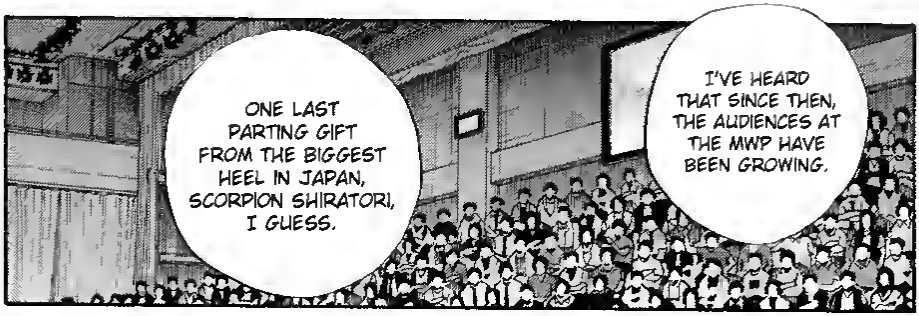
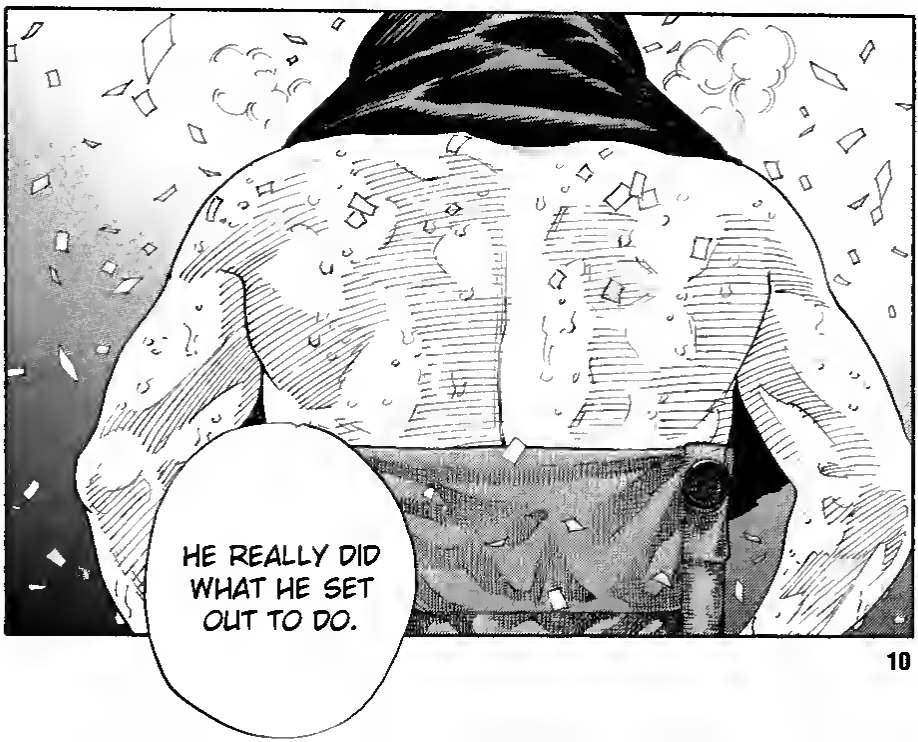




MATSU-
ZAKAAAA
RUUUU
UULES!
MATSU-
ZAKA!
SCOR-
PION!!
MANBAA
AAAAA!
MATSU-
ZAKAAA
AAAA!
SHIRA-
TORI!

WAS SOMEONE NORMALLY AS CALM AND COLLECTED AS MATSUZAKA SHOWING SUCH RAW EMOTION.
EVEN PEOPLE THAT WERE ROOTING AGAINST HIM STARTED TO TAKE A LIKING TO HIM.
MATSUZAKA MANBA'S FIGHT WAS UNANIMOUSLY CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST BOUTS IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.
AND ON TOP OF THAT, WHAT MADE IT INTERESTING...


ONE LAST PARTING GIFT FROM THE BIGGEST HEEL IN JAPAN, SCORPION SHIRATORI, I GUESS.
I'VE HEARD THAT SINCE THEN, THE AUDIENCES AT THE MWP HAVE BEEN GROWING.


HE REALLY DID WHAT HE SET OUT TO DO.

SCORPION!
AFTER THAT BATTLE TO THE DEATH, IT'S OKAY TO TAKE A DAY OFF REHAB.
DOCTOR, YOU KNOW WAY TOO MUCH ABOUT ALL THIS PRO-WRESTLING STUFF...
WELL, I AM A FAN AFTER ALL
HAVE BEEN SINCE GRADE SCHOOL.
身体障害者リハビリテーション
NO, DOC.
I DECIDED I'M GONNA GO AT THIS LIKE A FRESH RECRUIT STARTING HIS TRAINING.
I'M NOW A NEW DISCIPLE AT THIS REHAB CENTER.
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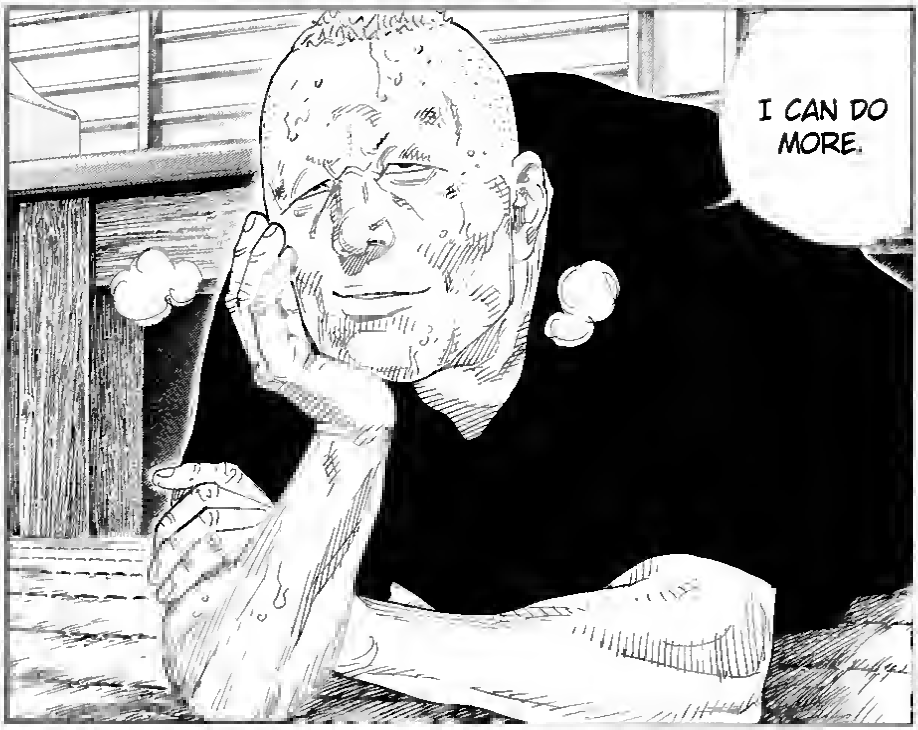
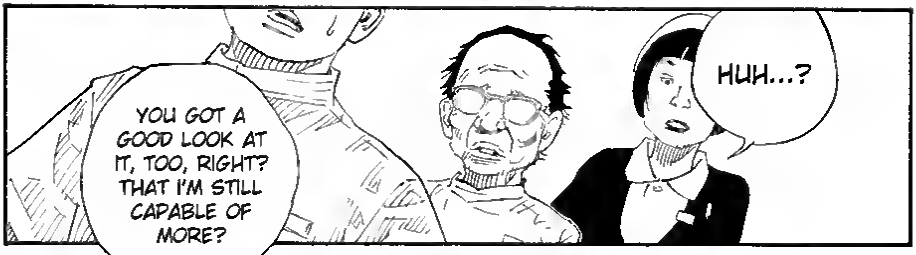
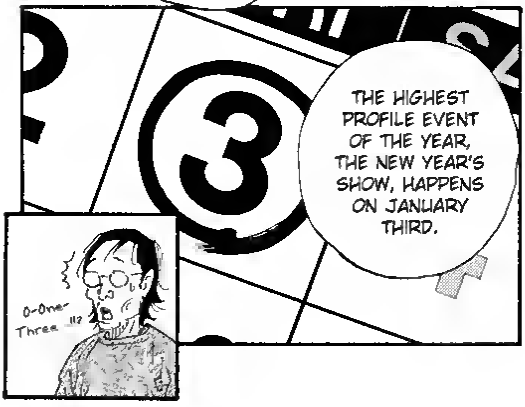
WHEN I GOT UP ONTO THE RING, I KNEW.


I CAN DO MORE.


HUH...?
YOU GOT A GOOD LOOK AT IT, TOO, RIGHT? THAT I'M STILL CAPABLE OF MORE?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THE HIGHEST PROFILE EVENT OF THE YEAR, THE NEW YEAR'S SHOW, HAPPENS ON JANUARY THIRD.
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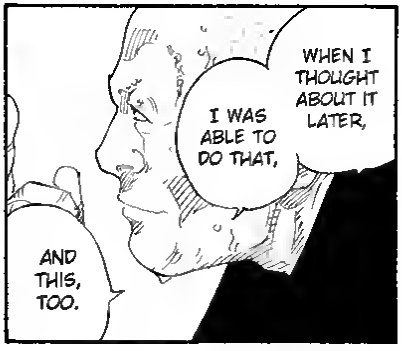
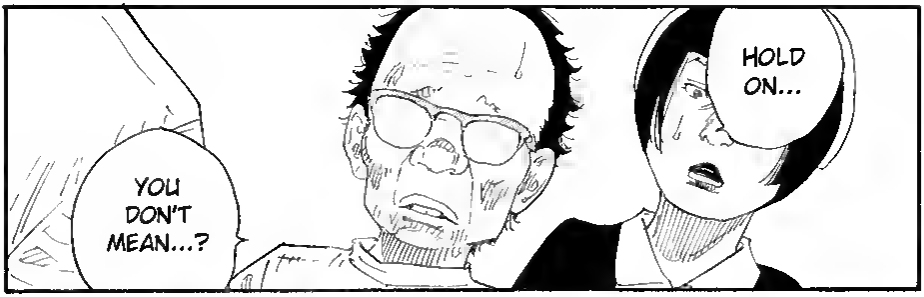
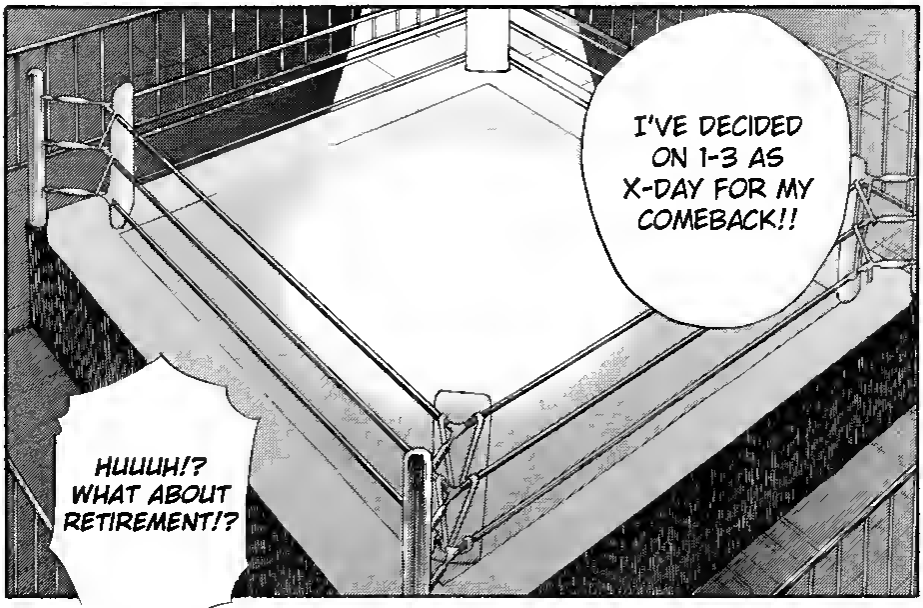
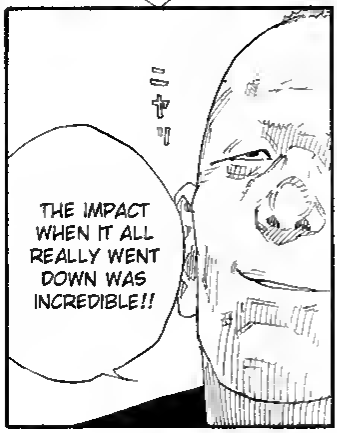

WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT IT LATER,
I WAS ABLE TO DO THAT,
AND THIS, TOO.


HOLD ON...
YOU DON'T MEAN...?


I'VE DECIDED ON 1-3 AS X-DAY FOR MY COMEBACK!!
HUUUUH!? WHAT ABOUT RETIREMENT!?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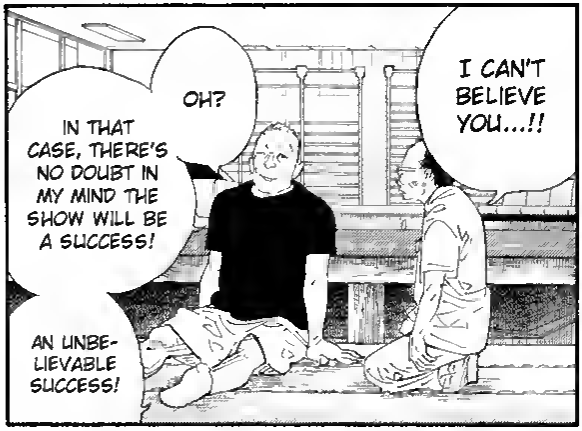
THE IMPACT WHEN IT ALL REALLY WENT DOWN WAS INCREDIBLE!!


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU...!!
OH?
IN THAT CASE, THERE'S NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THE SHOW WILL BE A SUCCESS!
AN UNBE-LIEVABLE SUCCESS!

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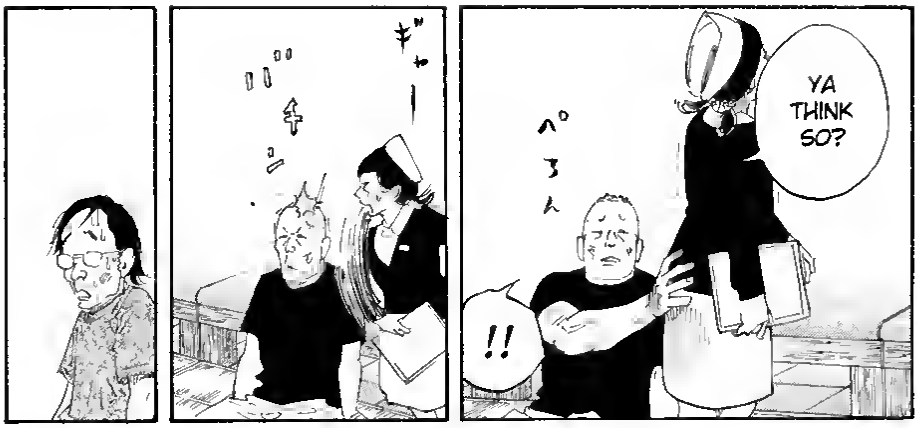
I'LL NEED YOU GUYS FOR SUPPORT!
OKAY, LET'S GET GOING ON THOSE FLOOR-SHIFTS, DOC!!
HNGOOO OOOOH!
...
MASTER!
TEACH ME THE SECRET!!
NO SMOK-ING!!
YEAH, DESPITE YOU BEING ABLE TO PULL OFF THAT INCREDIBLE PRO-WRESTLING PERFORMANCE
IT REALLY BRINGS ME DOWN
WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN'T DO IT?
I THINK SO, TOO.
I'M SURE THAT PERFORMANCE THE OTHER DAY INSPIRED PEOPLE THAT WERE DOWN ALL OVER JAPAN, SHIRATORI-SAN!
BUT...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YA THINK SO?
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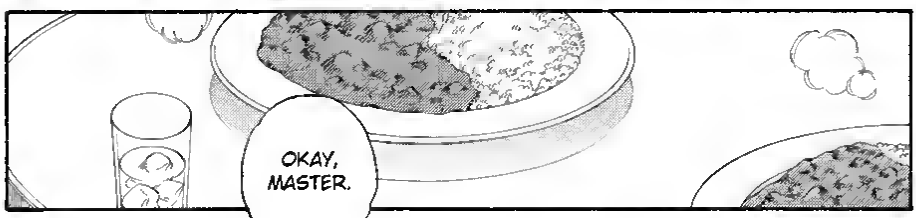
病院


OKAY, MASTER.

...!!
NO... "BROOM"-KUN.
WHILE KNOWING FULL WELL YOU WOULDN'T GET A REPLY FROM A STAR LIKE ME,
YOU MADE SURE OF THAT BY WRITING ALL THAT MADE-UP STUFF THAT NOBODY ALIVE WOULD FALL FOR...
YOU WERE AFRAID OF THE SLIM CHANCE THAT YOU'D GET A REPLY, RIGHT?
BECAUSE THE REAL YOU
IS A SCRAWNY,
WORTHLESS PIECE OF TRASH.
YOU WERE CHOOSING TO CHANGE NOTHING,
RATHER THAN TO BE HURT EVEN MORE,
I WISH I COULD DISAP-PEAR.
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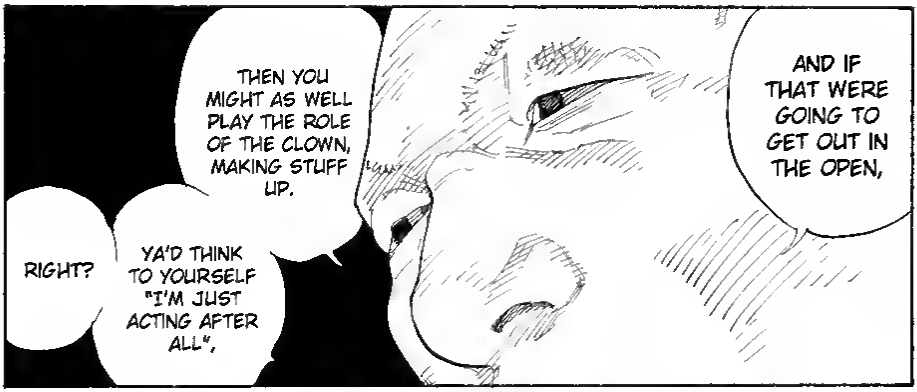
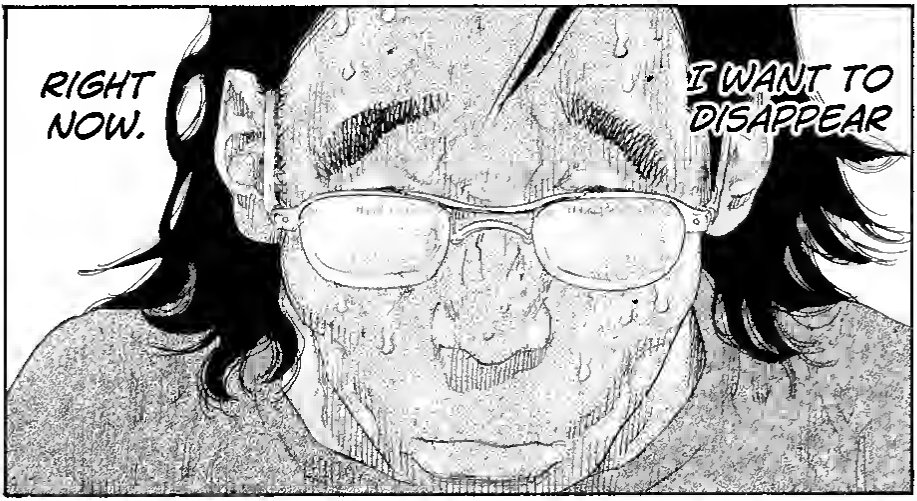
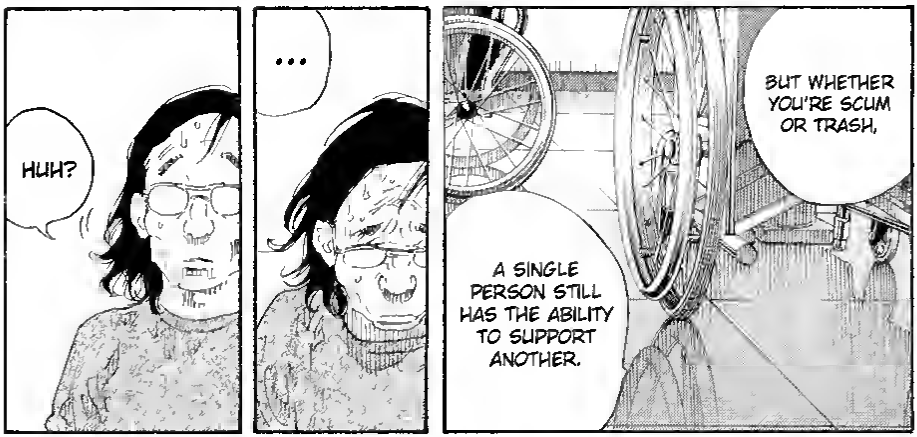
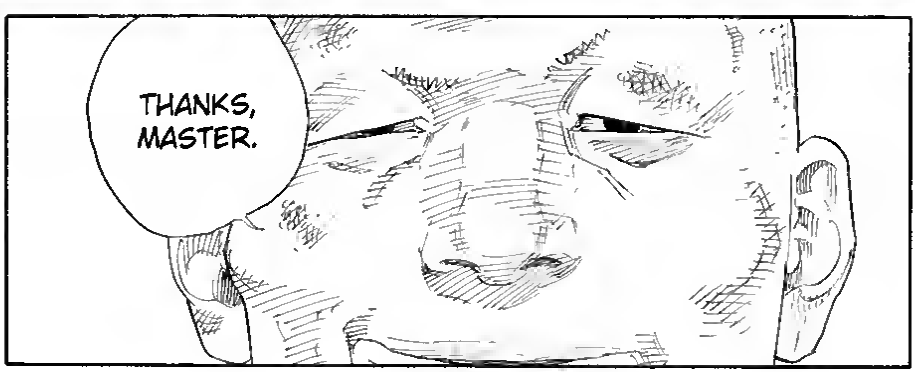
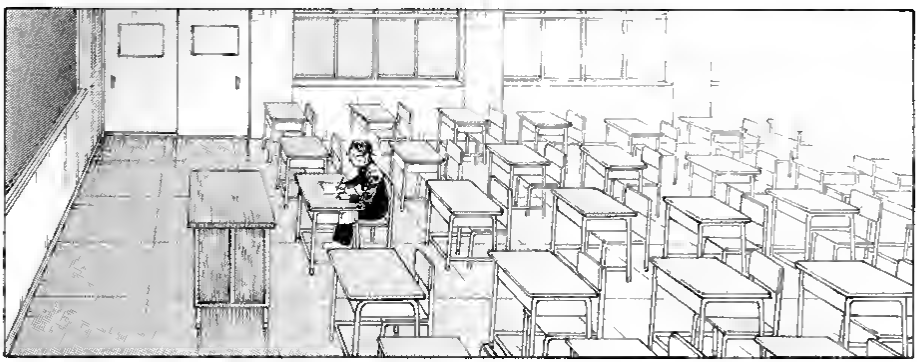

AND IF THAT WERE GOING TO GET OUT IN THE OPEN,
THEN YOU MIGHT AS WELL PLAY THE ROLE OF THE CLOWN, MAKING STUFF UP.
YA'D THINK TO YOURSELF "I'M JUST ACTING AFTER ALL",
RIGHT?


RIGHT NOW.
I WANT TO DISAPPEAR


HUH?
...
BUT WHETHER YOU'RE SCUM OR TRASH,
A SINGLE PERSON STILL HAS THE ABILITY TO SUPPORT ANOTHER.

WHEN THINGS GOT REALLY TOUGH,
THOSE LETTERS HELPED ME.


THANKS, MASTER.



WE'RE THE THREE MUSKETEERS, AIN'T WE?
I'M GONNA SEND A PICTURE TO TAKAHASHI TO SHOW HIM HOW UGLY YOUR FACE IS WHEN YER CRYIN'
YOU BEAST!
HOW COULD ANYONE BE THAT HORRIBLE!?
DON'T TELL TAKHASHI-KUN A THING!
AAAH!
AAAND SENT.
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
WE DON'T GOT NOTHIN' TA HIDE FROM EACH OTHER.
AIN'T THAT RIGHT?
WHAT THE HELL?
IS THAT HANASAKI-KUN?

OOOO OOKAY!
BREAK TIME'S OVER!
LET'S GET STARTED!!
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FLOP
EAMS
BASKETBALL

HANG ON,
YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT OVER HERE, RIGHT?
...
NEWBIES GO OVER THERE.

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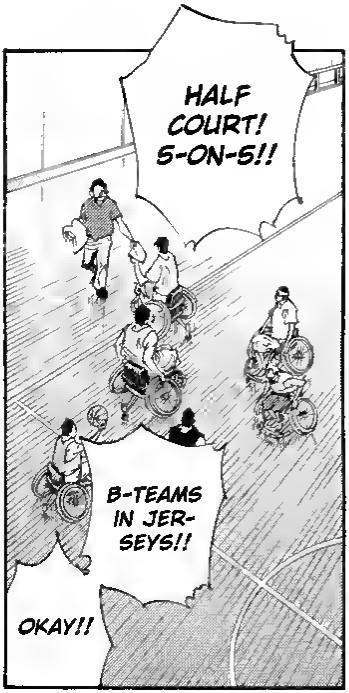
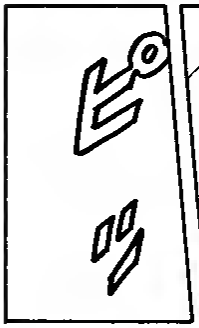

HALF COURT! 5-ON-5!!
B-TEAMS IN JERSEYS!!
OKAY!!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READY ...?
WE'LL BE DOING FIVE SPRINTS!!
OKAY, TAKAHASHI-KUN!!

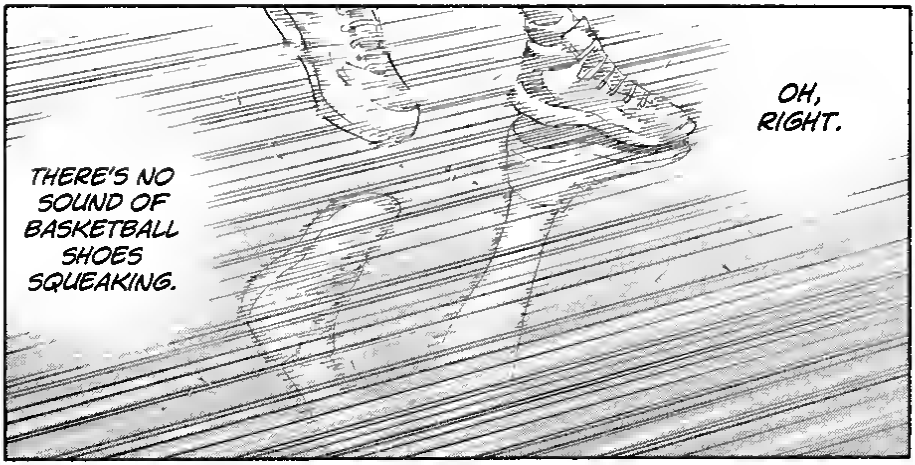
I'LL BET YOU'RE HAPPY WE GOT A YOUNG PRETTY-BOY LIKE HIM ON OUR TEAM, EH?
Kukuku
MATSUO-CHAN,
HUH?

...

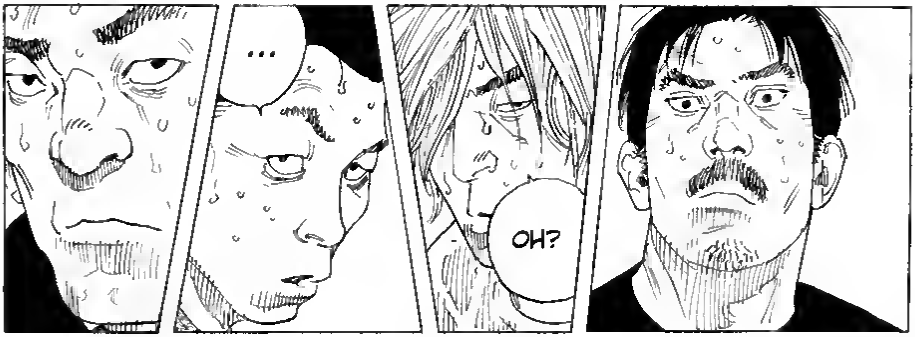
I WAS SO HAPPY I GOT HERE FIVE MINUTES EARLY.
WELL, YEAH.
SO WHAT?

...THOSE CREEPY TYPES.
THE HELL'S THAT MEAN?
F... FROM MY EXPERIENCE, GUYS LIKE THAT QUIT BEFORE LONG.
...
HUH?
GUYS LIKE WHAT?
THIS REALLY TAKES ME BACK.
THIS ECHO...

...
HUH?
SOMETHING'S MISSING.



My name is Takahashi and I'd like to join this team!!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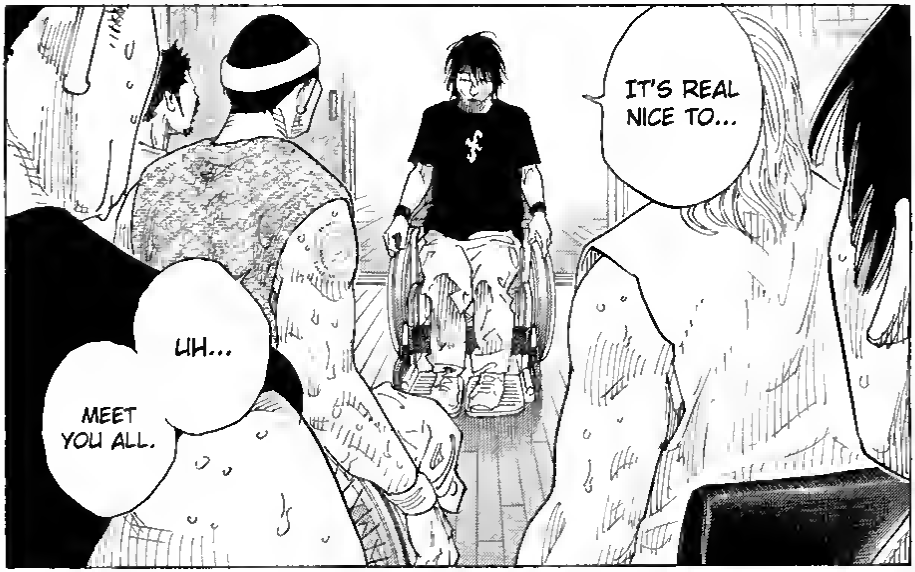
IT'S REAL NICE TO...
UH...
MEET YOU ALL.

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST LEAVE.

OKAY, LAST ONE!!
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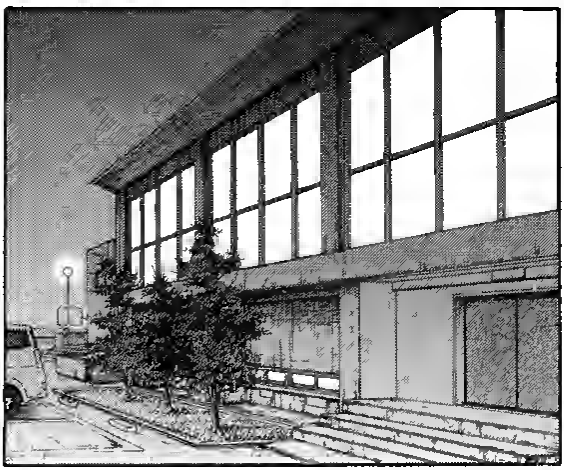

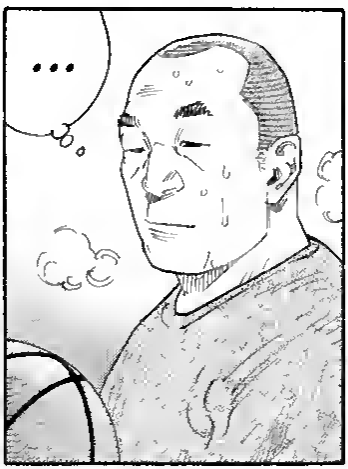
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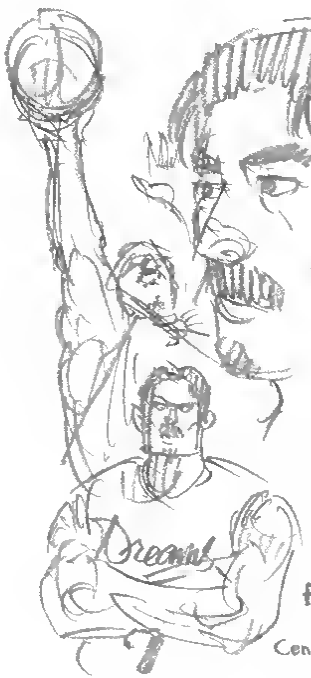

The Dreams' Ace

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35 Years Old

FujiKura

Center Japan Representative

A national top-class center.

Likes pachinko parlors and middle-aged women

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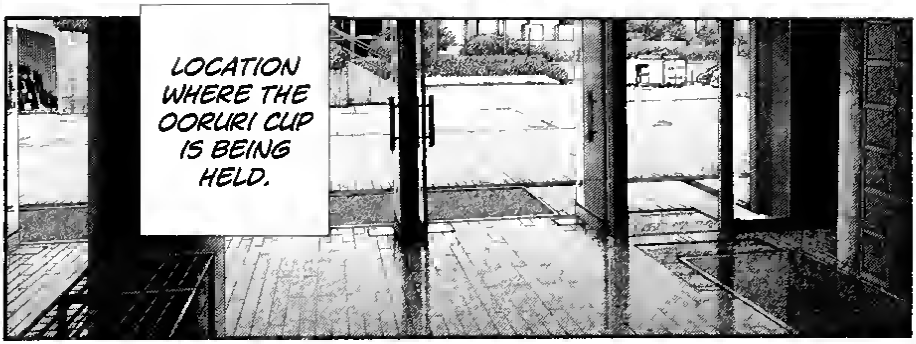
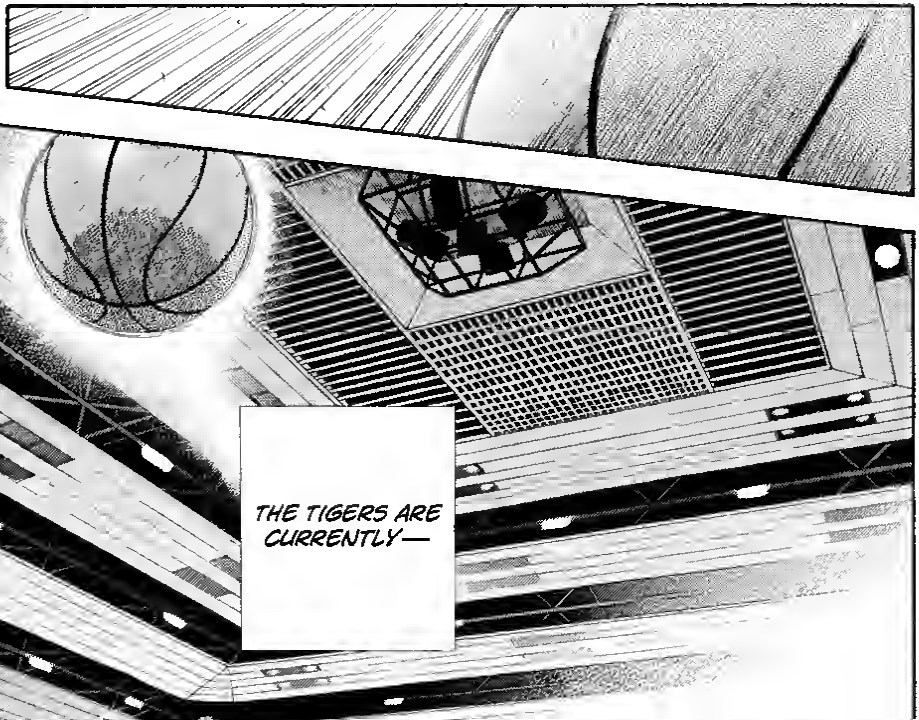
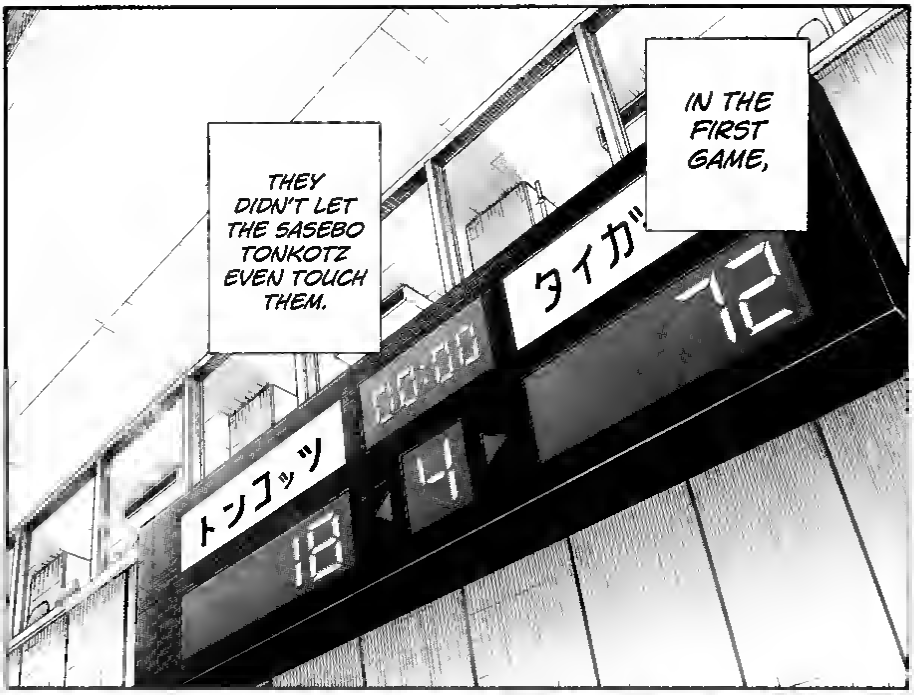


T/N: OORURI IS THE JAPANESE NAME FOR A BIRD CALLED THE BLUE-AND-WHITE FLYCATCHER IN ENGLISH



THREE!
TWO!
ONE!
ALL RIIIIIGHT!


IN THE FIRST GAME,
THEY DIDN'T LET THE SASEBO TONKOTZ EVEN TOUCH THEM.
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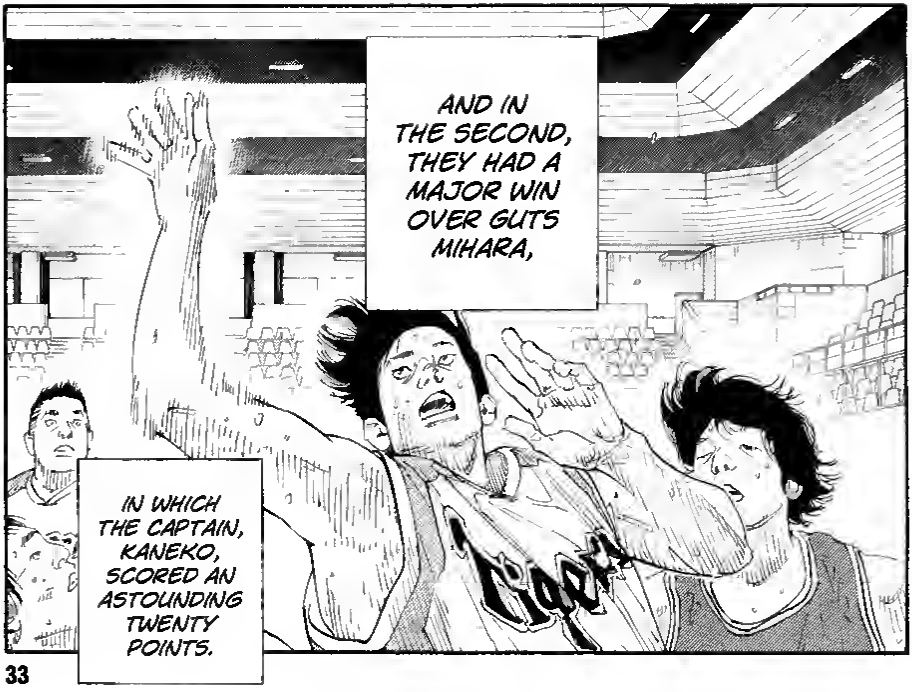
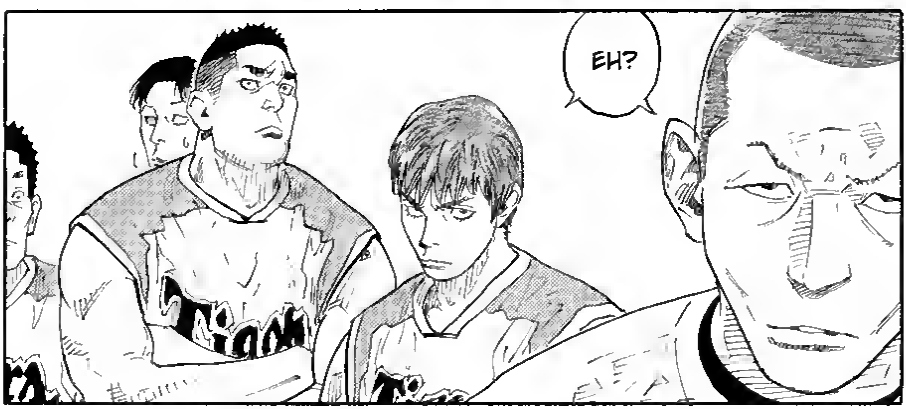

AND IN THE SECOND, THEY HAD A MAJOR WIN OVER GUTS MIHARA,
IN WHICH THE CAPTAIN, KANEKO, SCORED AN ASTOUNDING TWENTY POINTS.

HEY, ASSHOLE!
HM?
I AM KANEKO!
Remember the name!
DID YOU GUYS FREAKIN' SEE THAT!!?

DON'T GET COCKY,
GOT THAT?
IN THE THIRD GAME,
THEY WERE UP AGAINST THE GUNMA CRAZY HORSES.


EH?

OUH!!

HEEEY!
THAT'S AN UNSPO, AIN'T IT!!?
ヒ゜
ドゥ
GUH!
WAH!
UNSPO?
LIKE A REALLY BAD FOUL.
UNSPORTS-MENLIKE CONDUCT.
THEY HAVE THAT IN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL, RIGHT?
THEY DO.
YOU MAY HAVE TWO REPRE-SENTATIVE CANDIDATES, BUT YOU'RE NOT SO GREAT!
AND YOUR BENCH IS SO THIN!
THE TIGERS AIN'T SHIT!!
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OKAY, OKAY!!
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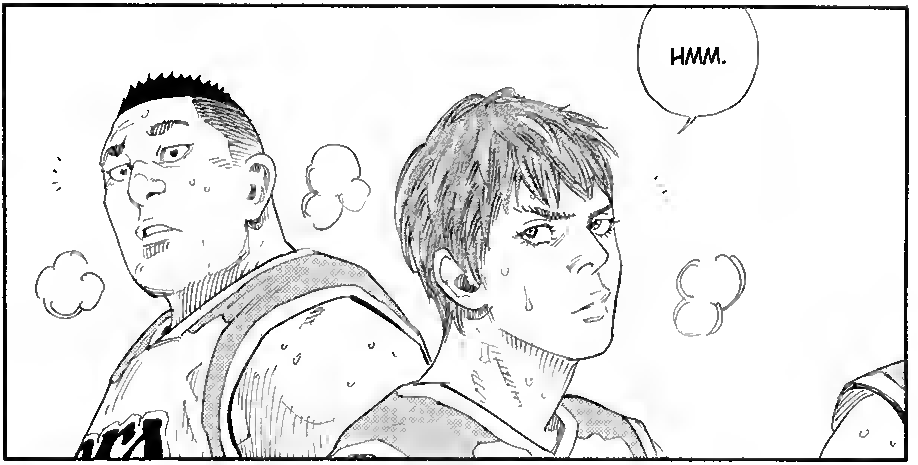
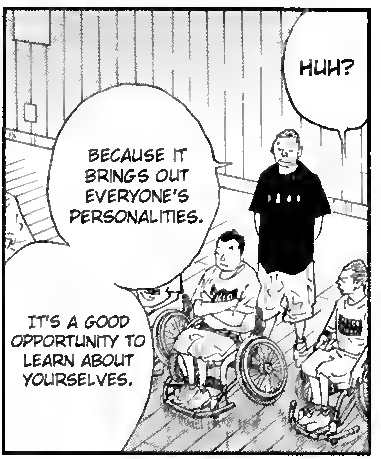
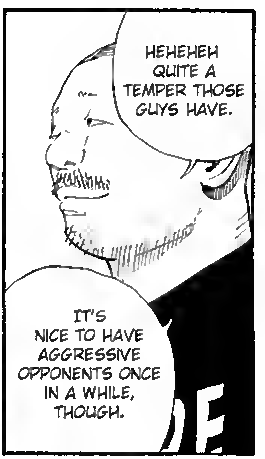
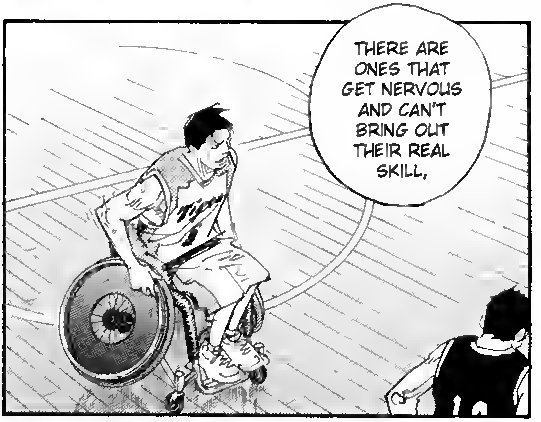

HMM.

I AGREE.
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT, MYSELF.


HUH?
BECAUSE IT BRINGS OUT EVERYONE'S PERSONALITIES.
IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT YOURSELVES.

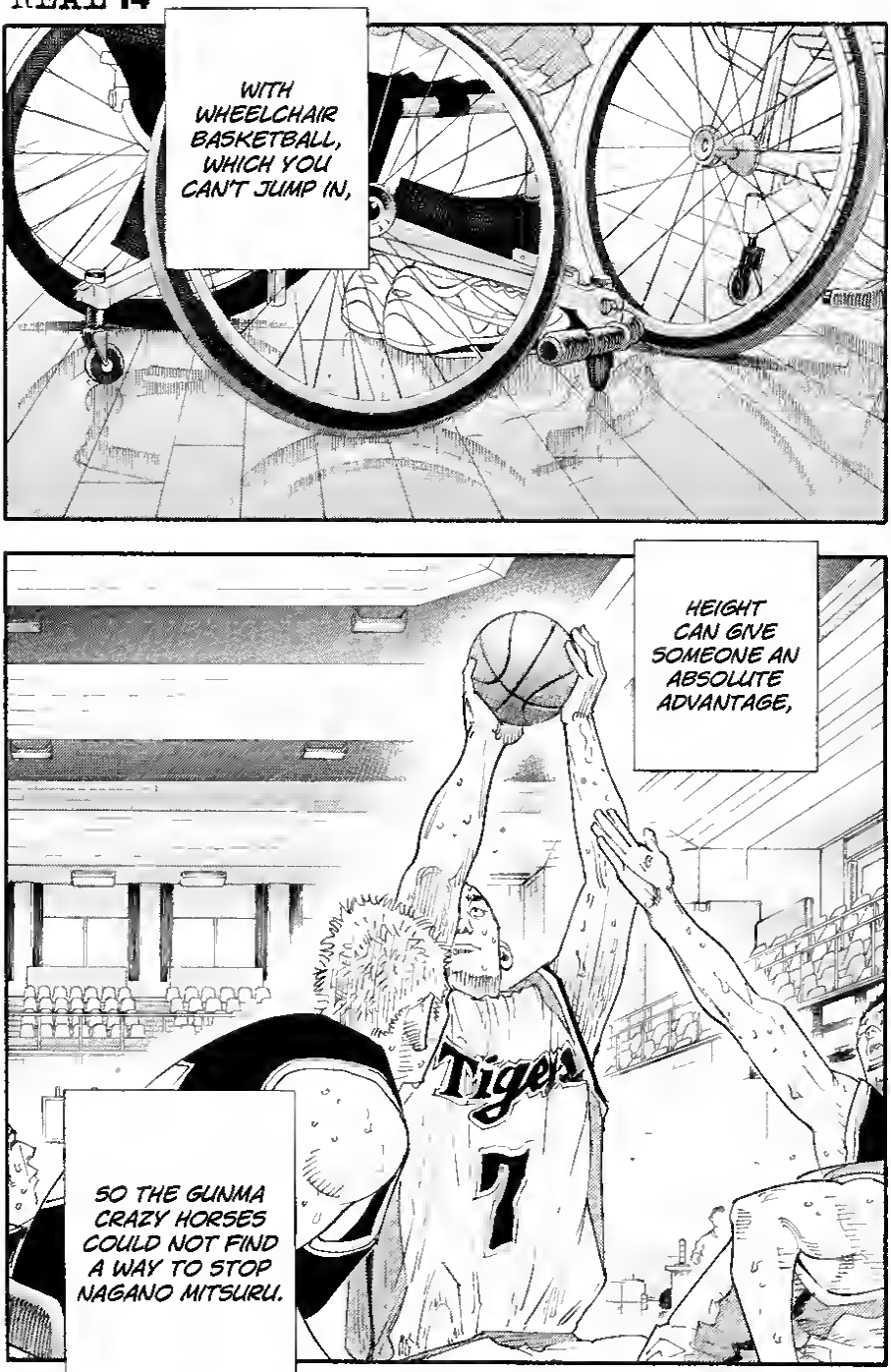

HEHEHEH QUITE A TEMPER THOSE GUYS HAVE.
IT'S NICE TO HAVE AGGRESSIVE OPPONENTS ONCE IN A WHILE, THOUGH.


THERE ARE ONES THAT GET NERVOUS AND CAN'T BRING OUT THEIR REAL SKILL.

GAH
ONES THAT ARE NORMALLY VERY DOCILE, BUT SHOW SOME REAL FIGHTING SPIRIT,
ONES THAT GO ABOUT THINGS AT THEIR OWN PACE, SAME WAY AS USUAL,
Tigers
7
ALL RIGHT!!
8
ORAH!
THESE REPRESENT-ATIVES AIN'T MUCH.
...
AH!
8

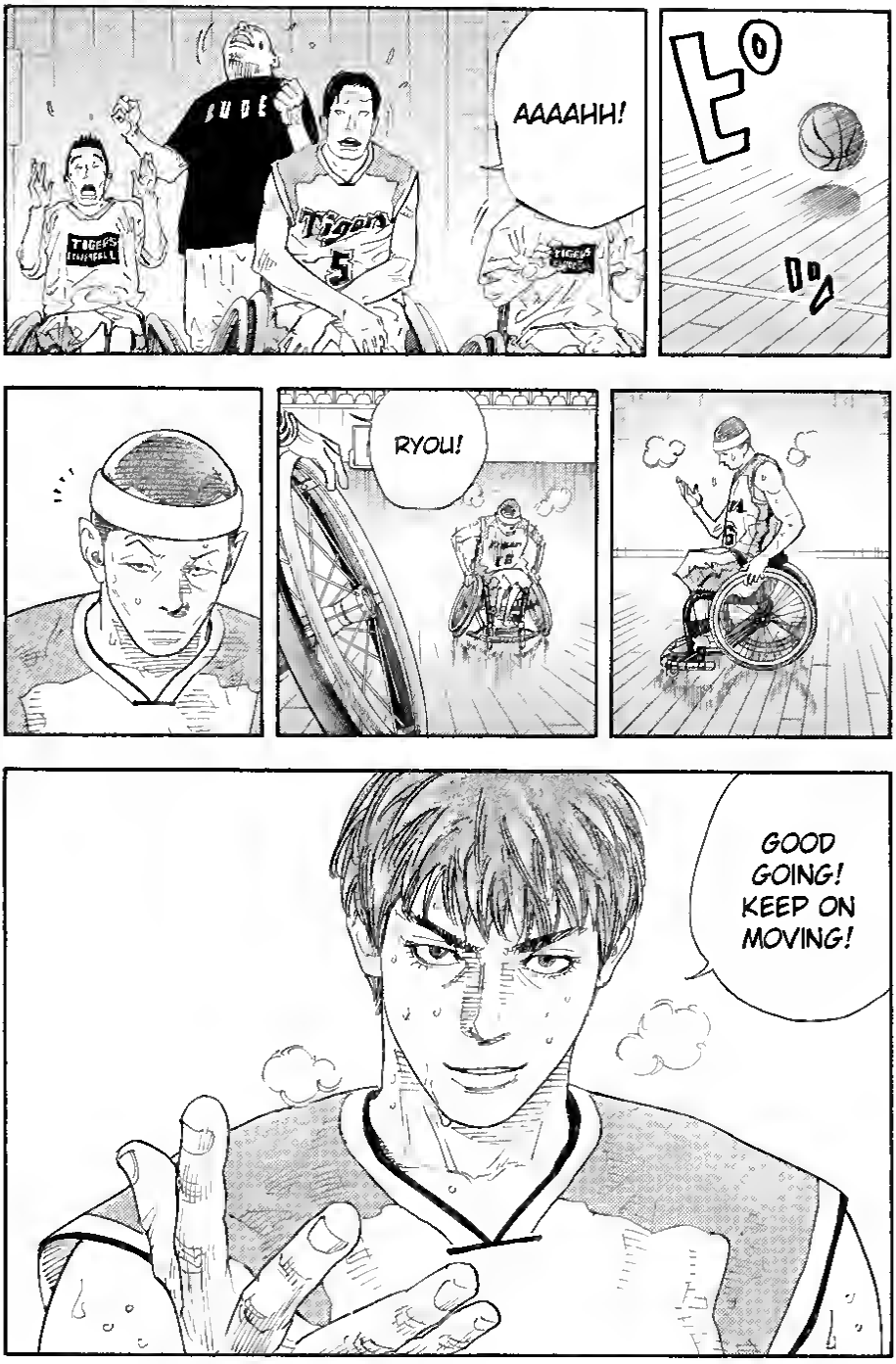
UOH!?
TOGAWA
8
!!
UNSPORTS-MANLIKE FOUL!!
TOGAWA
GO
DID THEY THINK HE MEANT TO DO THAT?
...AND ONES THAT LOSE THEIR TEMPERS AND OVERDO IT.
HEEEEY!
FUCK OFF, JACKASS!
YOU BAS-TAAARD!

JUST TWO MORE.
BE CAREFUL, KIYO-CHAN.
YOU DON'T WANNA GET KICKED OUT OF THE GAME.
MM...
IT WASN'T ON PURPOSE
TOGAWA
6
AT LONG LAST.
I REALLY WANT TO SEE A CHAMPIONSHIP.
...


WITH WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL, WHICH YOU CAN'T JUMP IN,
HEIGHT CAN GIVE SOMEONE AN ABSOLUTE ADVANTAGE,
Tigers
7
SO THE GUNMA CRAZY HORSES COULD NOT FIND A WAY TO STOP NAGANO MITSURU.

THE FINALS.
Tigers
No Returns
OUH!
NO
Tigers

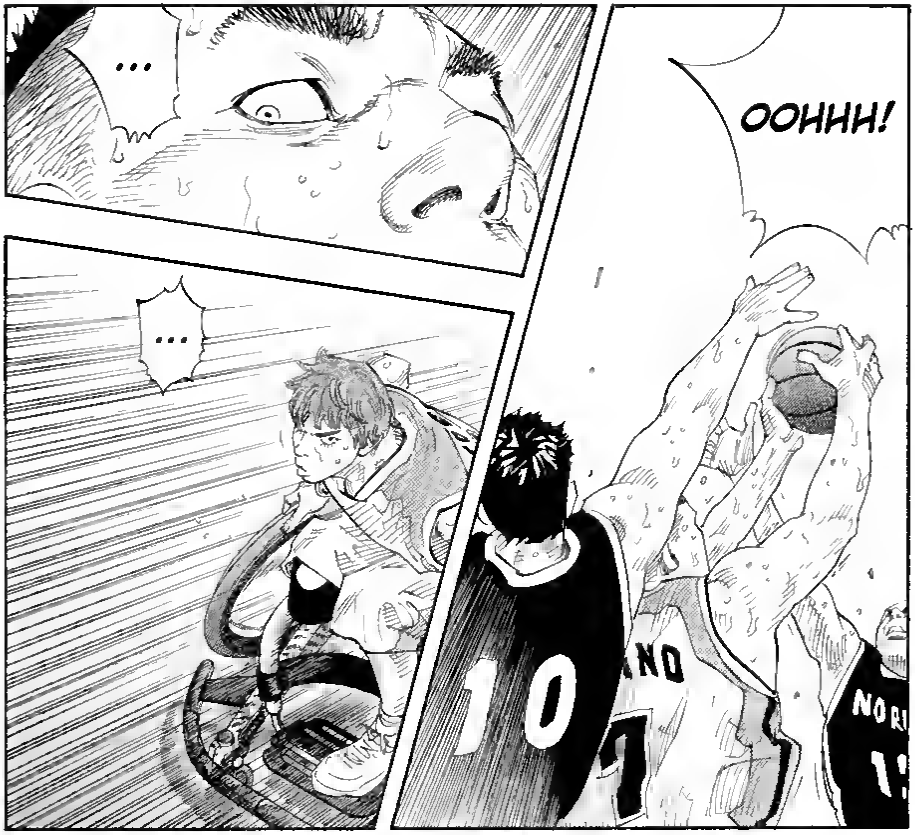
ALL RIGHT!
BUDE
!!
!!
!!
Tigers
16
RYOU!
LOOKING GOOD.

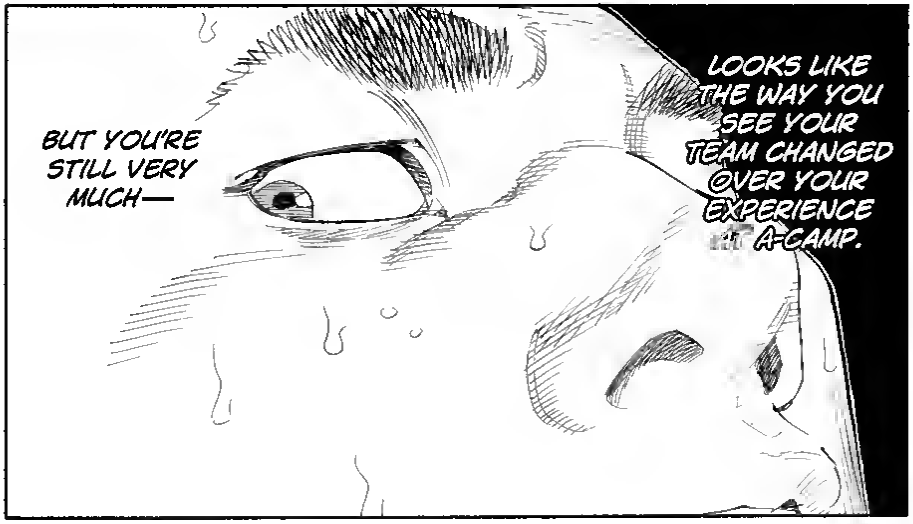

AAAAHH!
RYOU!
GOOD GOING! KEEP ON MOVING!

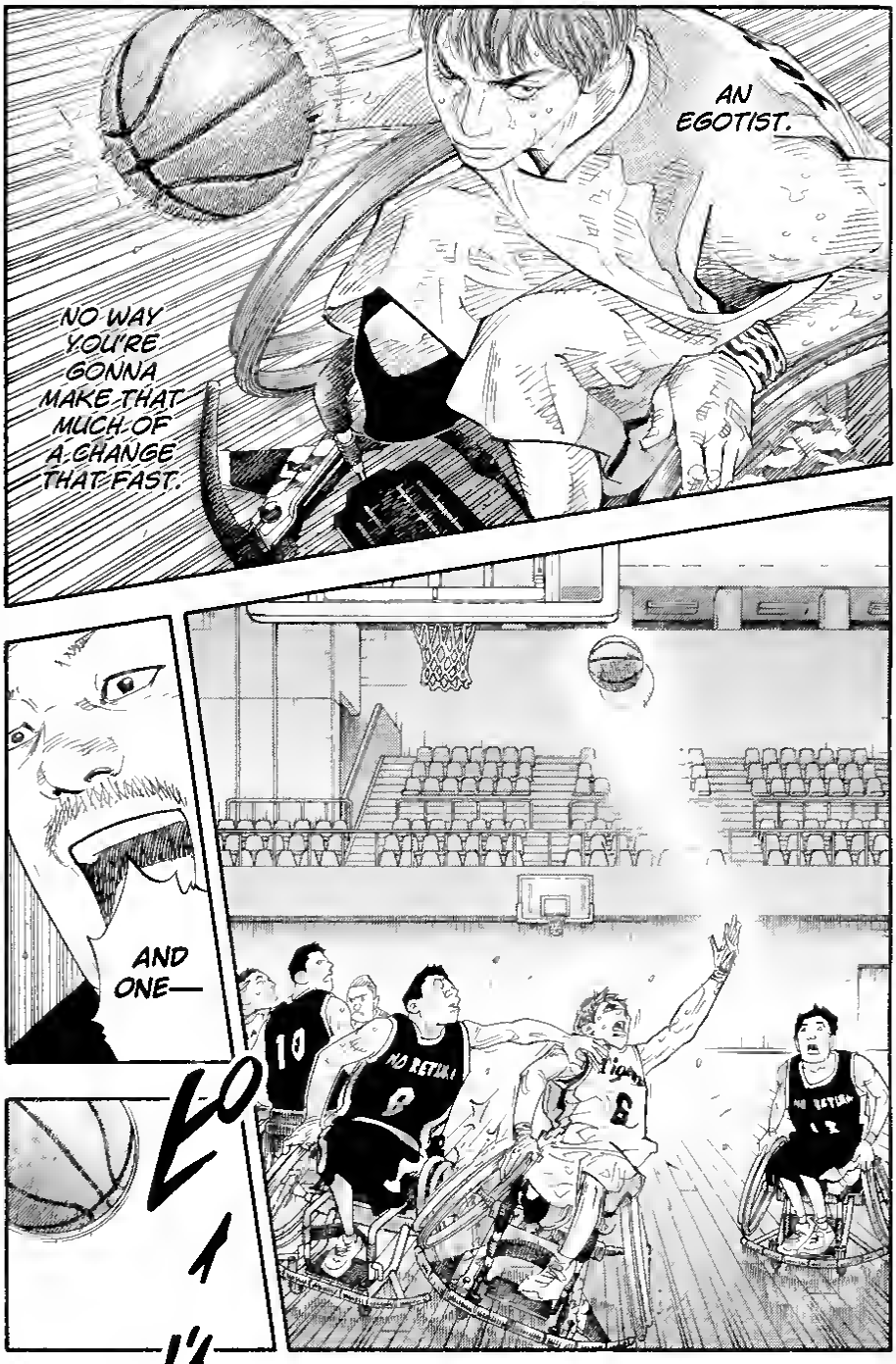
!
HE USED TO GET ANGRY AT THAT SORTA THING.
I WAS SURE HE WAS GONNA YELL.

DON'T LET 'EM SCORE THIS POINT!!
OKAY, DEFENSE!!
Tigers
OUH!!
Tigers
IT AIN'T REFINED YET,
BUT...
YEAH.
AND RYOU ALWAYS HATED RAISING HIS VOICE LIKE THAT...!!
Tigers

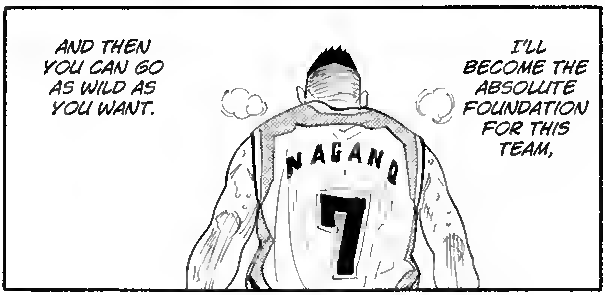
HE'S DOING WHATEVER HE CAN FOR THE TEAM.
THAT IS THE TREASURE RYOU—
HE'S USING HIS VOICE
AND HIS MOVE-MENT
TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE TEAM.
BROUGHT BACK FROM A-CAMP.
Tigers
AFTER SEEING NAGANO'S OUTSTANDING PLAY IN THE SEMIFINALS,
THE NO RETURNS' PLAN WAS TO THOROUGHLY MARK HIM AND WILLING TO FOUL.


...
...
OOHHH!
10

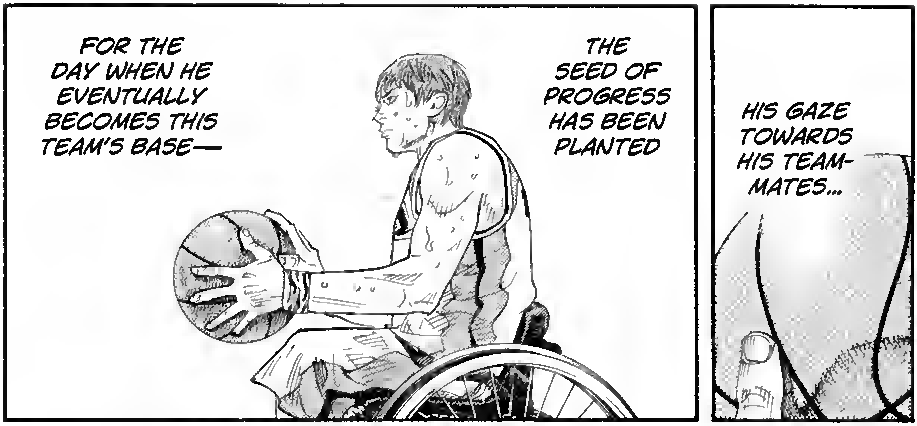

BUT YOU'RE STILL VERY MUCH—
LOOKS LIKE THE WAY YOU SEE YOUR TEAM CHANGED OVER YOUR EXPERIENCE AT A-CAMP.

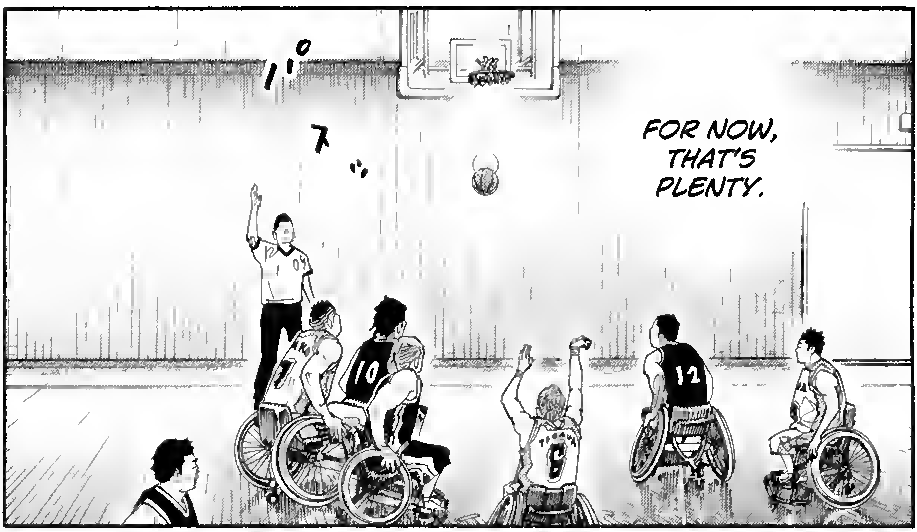

AN EGOTIST.
NO WAY YOU'RE GONNA MAKE THAT MUCH OF A CHANGE THAT FAST.
AND ONE—
10
NO RETIRE
8
NO RETIRE

ALL RIIIIIGHT!!


AND THEN YOU CAN GO AS WILD AS YOU WANT.
I'LL BECOME THE ABSOLUTE FOUNDATION FOR THIS TEAM,
NAGANO
7

I'VE GOT MUCH FURTHER TO GO.

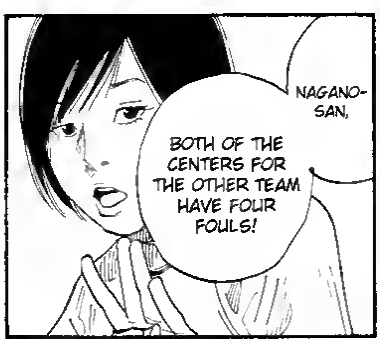

FOR THE DAY WHEN HE EVENTUALLY BECOMES THIS TEAM'S BASE—
THE SEED OF PROGRESS HAS BEEN PLANTED
HIS GAZE TOWARDS HIS TEAM-MATES...

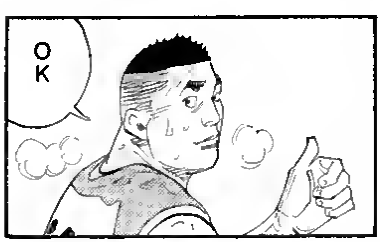

FOR NOW, THAT'S PLENTY.

...
ALL RIIIIGHT!!

BUDE
BUDE

TIGERS
NO RETURN
TIME FOR THE LAST QUARTER!
ALL RIGHT, LOOKING GOOD!!
TOKYO LIGHTNINGS
VS


NAGANO-SAN,
BOTH OF THE CENTERS FOR THE OTHER TEAM HAVE FOUR FOULS!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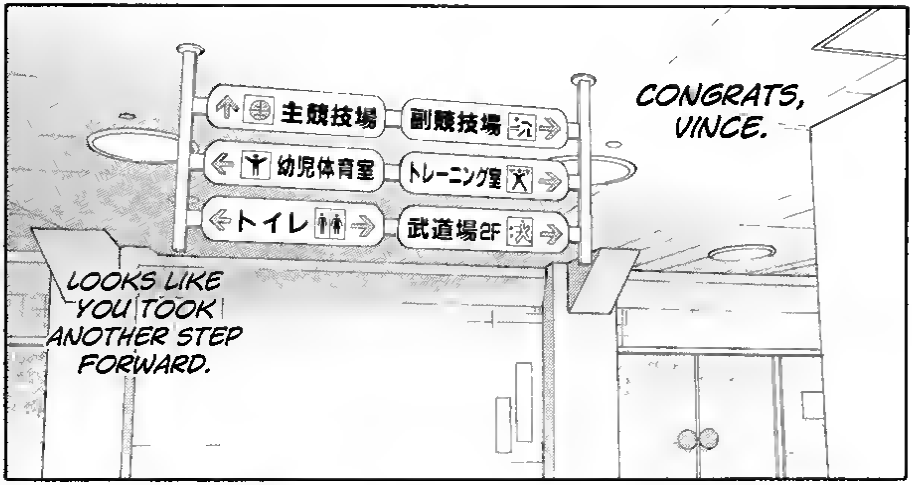
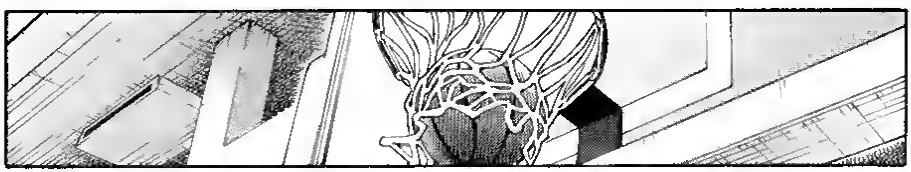
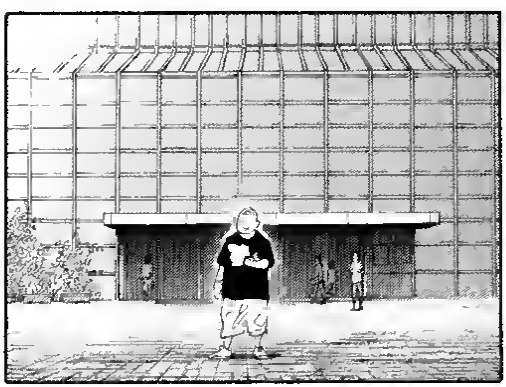
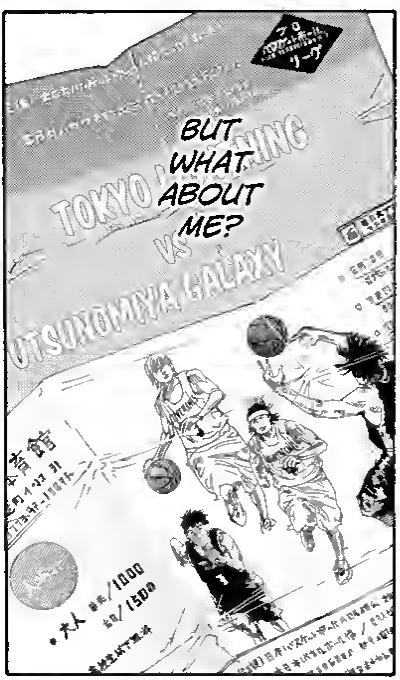
OUR DEFENSE IS TIGHT!
MAKE SURE YOU DON'T GET PASSIVE.
SO YOU DON'T RUSH TO SHOOT.
BUT BE CONSCIOUS WITH YOUR SHOTS,

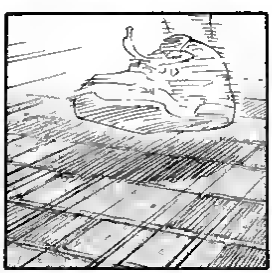
ONE! TWO! THREE!
LET'S GO!
TIGERS!!
THEY'RE SO COOL, AZUMI-SAN.
OHH!
iger
THE TIGERS' FIRST TITLE, HUH—?

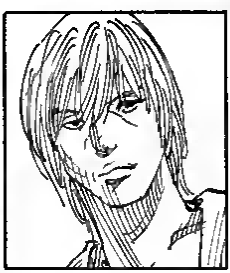

主競技場
副競技場
幼児体育室
トレーニング室
トイレ
武道場2F
CONGRATS, VINCE.
LOOKS LIKE YOU TOOK ANOTHER STEP FORWARD.

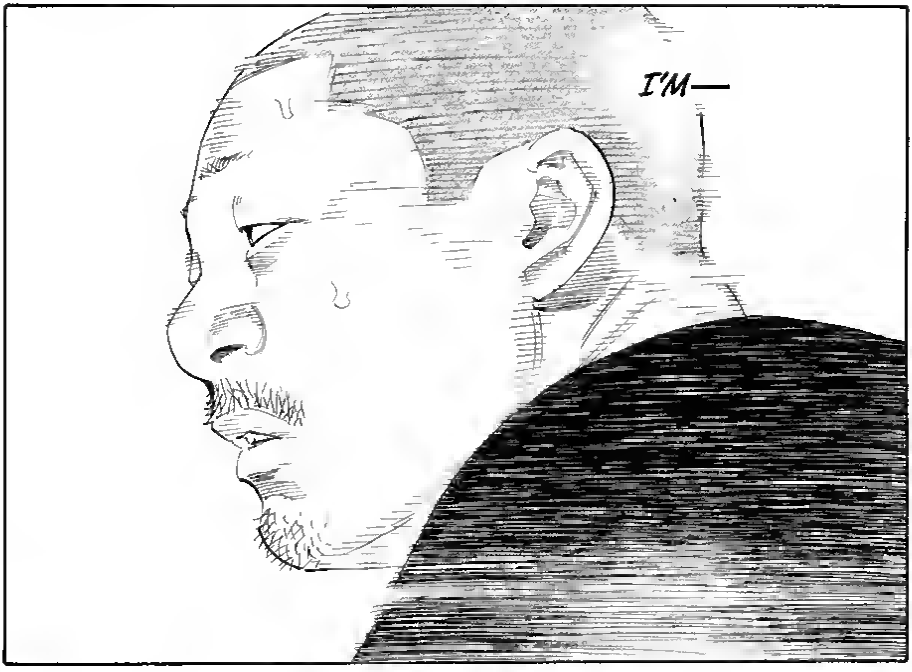


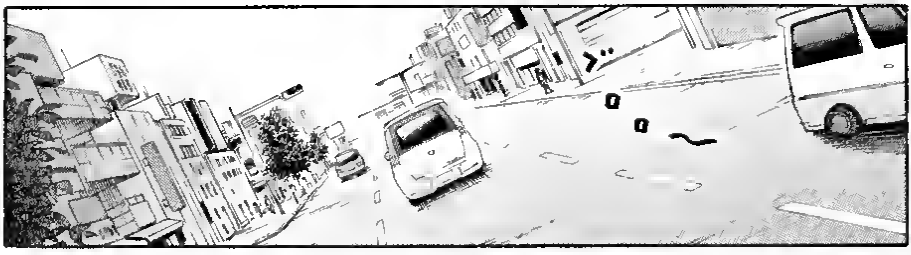


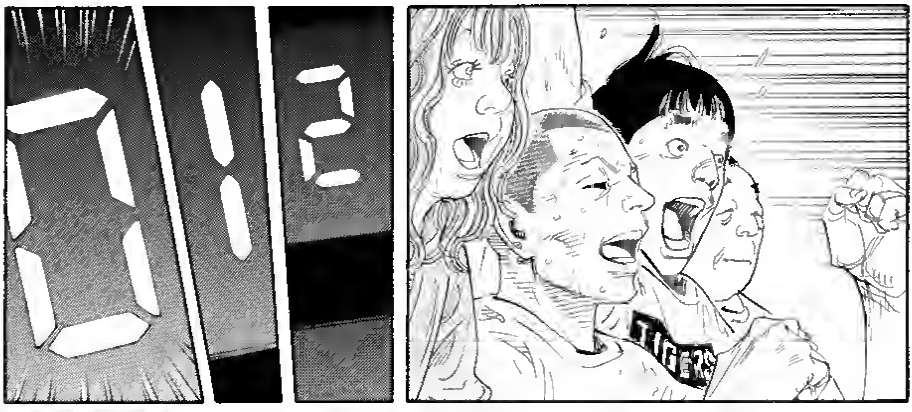

BUT WHAT ABOUT ME?
TOKYO
VS
OTSUKOMIYA GALAXY



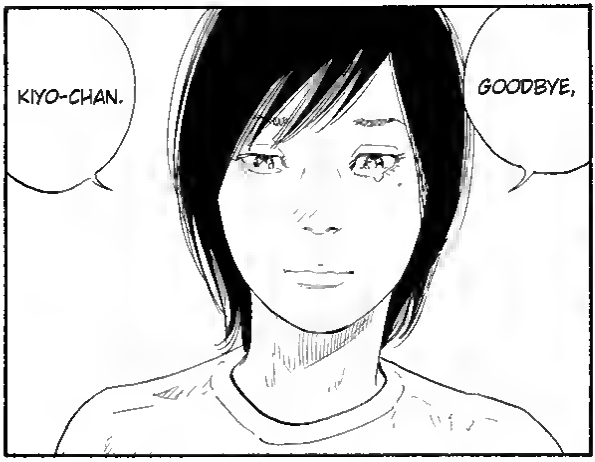



I'M—

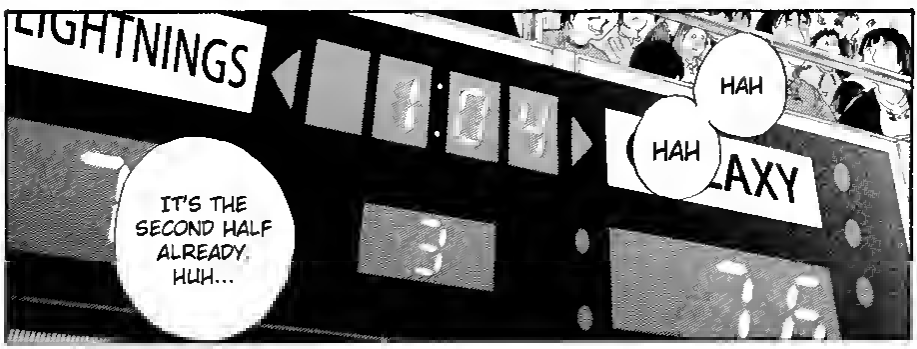




WE WOOOON!!
TOKYO TIGEEERS!!
UOOOH!
TOGAWA
6
5
Tigers


KIYO-CHAN.
GOODBYE,

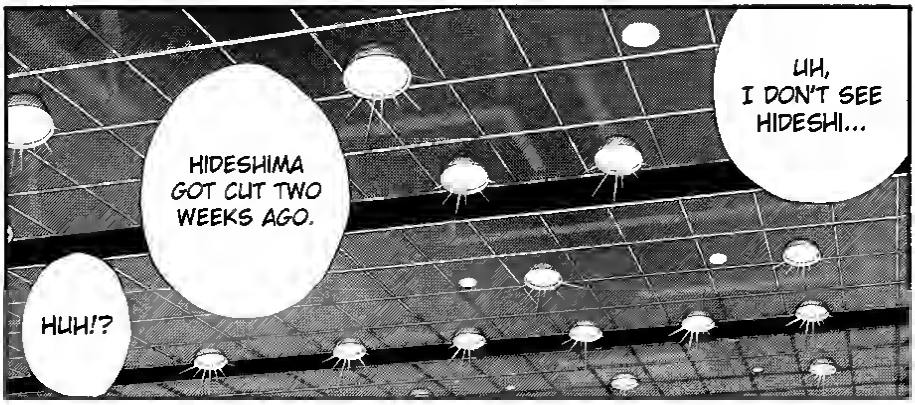
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN HERE, RIGHT NEXT TO HIM
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN NOW ..
TIGERS


LIGHTNINGS
HAH
HAH
LAXY
IT'S THE SECOND HALF ALREADY. HUH...

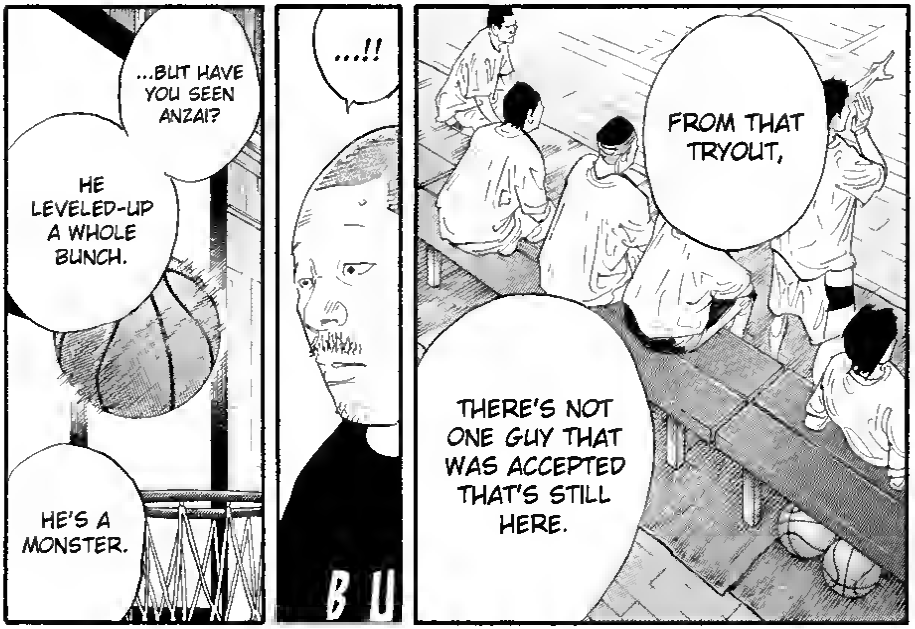
AND ANZAI—
I WONDER IF THEY'RE GIVING HIDESHI SOME PLAY TIME?
I NEED TO PAY HIM BACK 5,000 YEN.
I WONDER IF NARUSE-SAN'S KNEES ARE DOING OKAY.

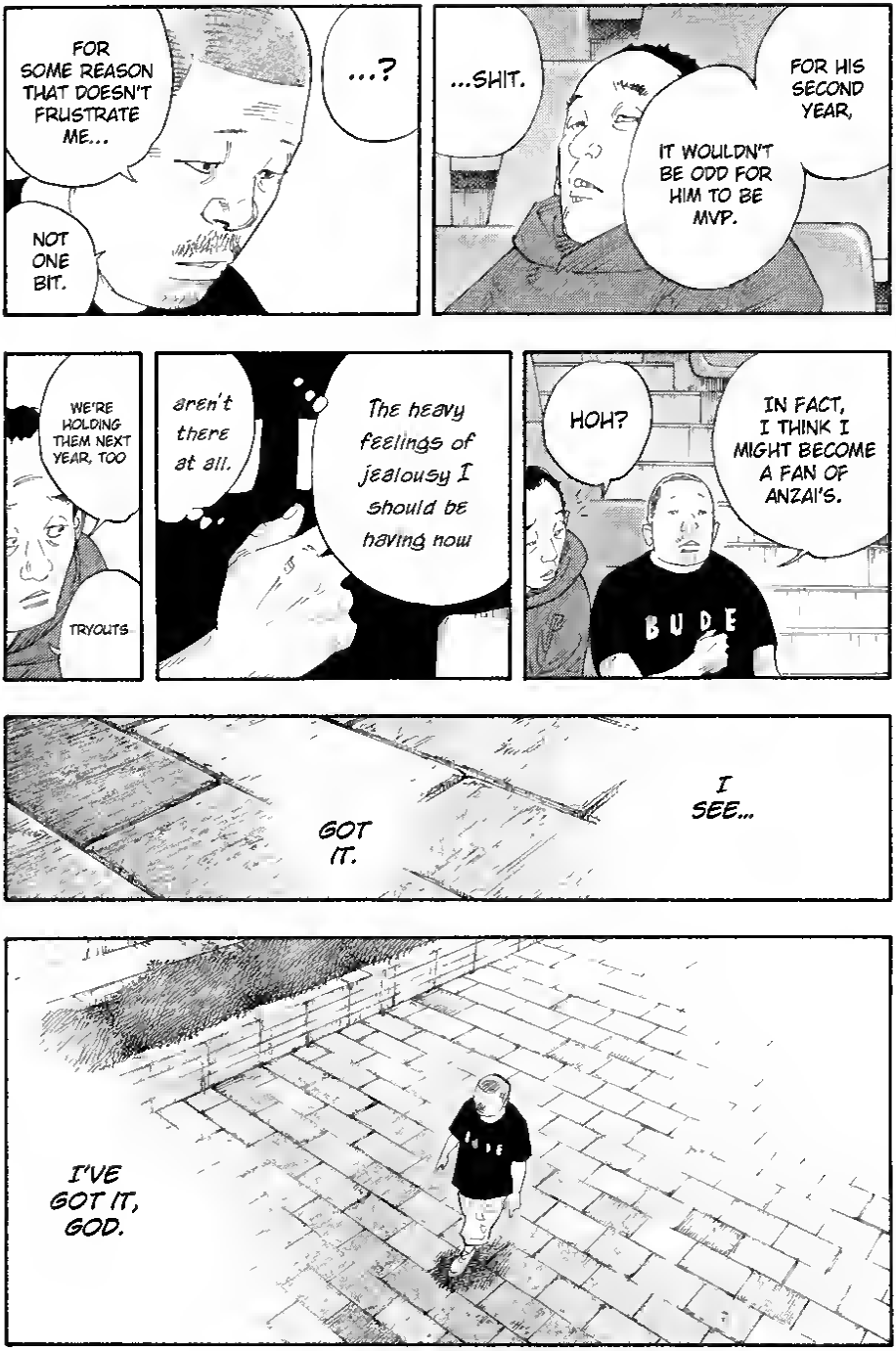
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH

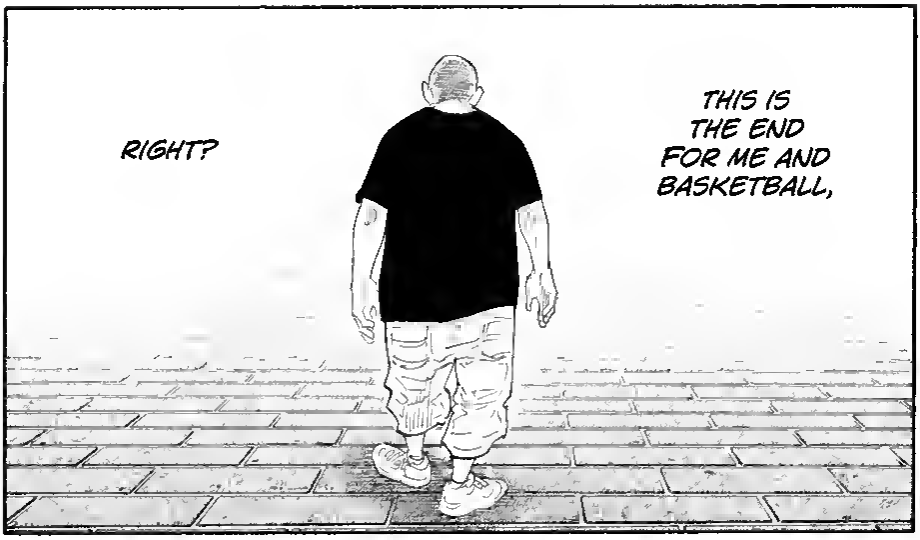
NOMIYA!
CAME TO WATCH, HUH!?
GAINED WEIGHT, HAVEN'T YA!?
HUH?
YOU'RE...

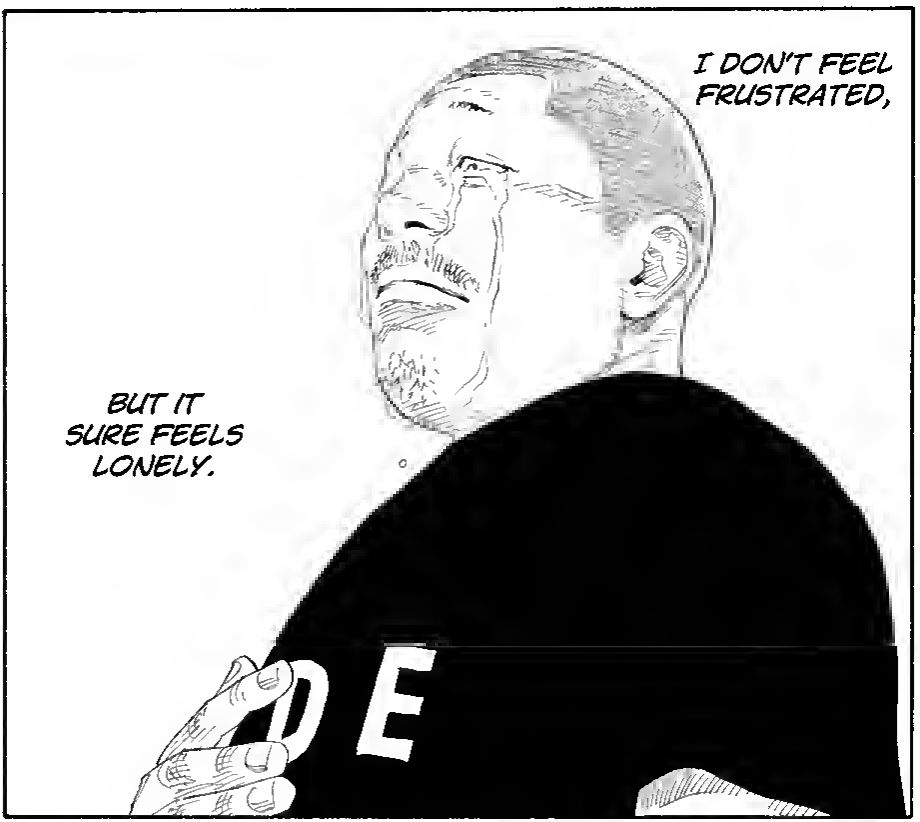

UH, I DON'T SEE HIDESHI...
HIDESHIMA GOT CUT TWO WEEKS AGO.
HUH!?

WHAT ABOUT NARUSE-SAN?
I HEARD IN THE END HE COULDN'T REACH A CONTRACT.
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN ANY MATCHES.
BUDE


FROM THAT TRYOUT,
THERE'S NOT ONE GUY THAT WAS ACCEPTED THAT'S STILL HERE.
...!!
...BUT HAVE YOU SEEN ANZAI?
HE LEVELED-UP A WHOLE BUNCH.
HE'S A MONSTER.
BU


FOR SOME REASON THAT DOESN'T FRUSTRATE ME...
NOT ONE BIT.
...?
...SHIT.
IT WOULDN'T BE ODD FOR HIM TO BE MVP.
FOR HIS SECOND YEAR,
WE'RE HOLDING THEM NEXT YEAR, TOO
TRYOUTS
aren't there at all.
The heavy feelings of jealousy I should be having now
HOH?
IN FACT, I THINK I MIGHT BECOME A FAN OF ANZAI'S.
BUDE
GOT IT.
I SEE...
I'VE GOT IT, GOD.


RIGHT?
THIS IS THE END FOR ME AND BASKETBALL,


I DON'T FEEL FRUSTRATED,
BUT IT SURE FEELS LONELY.

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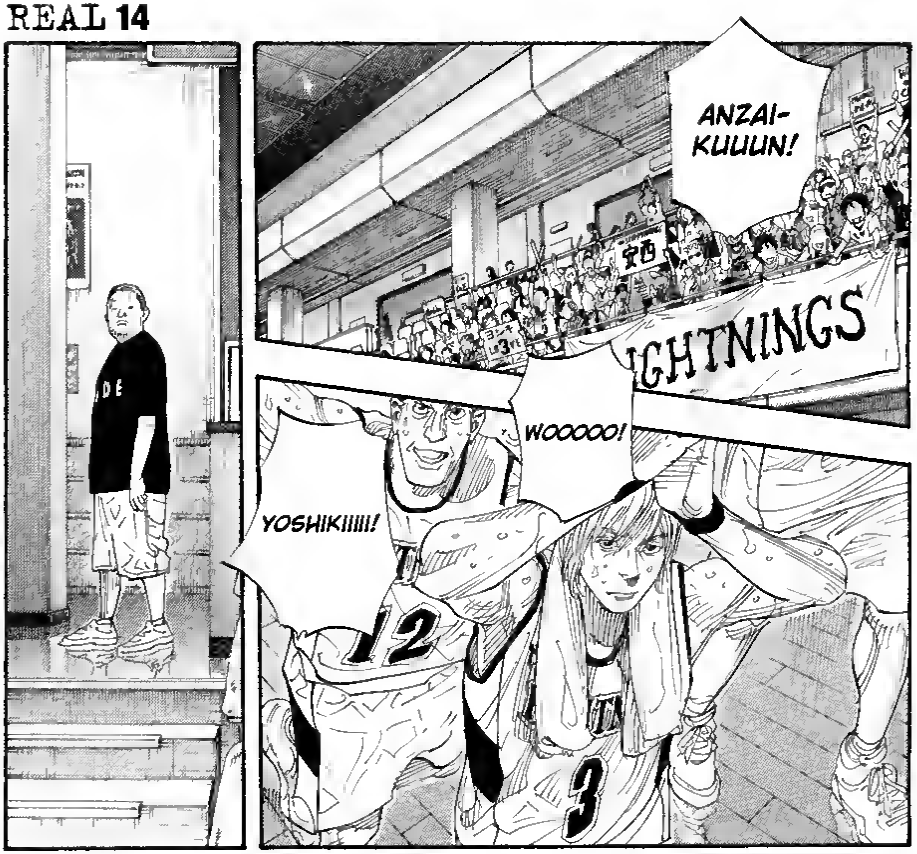
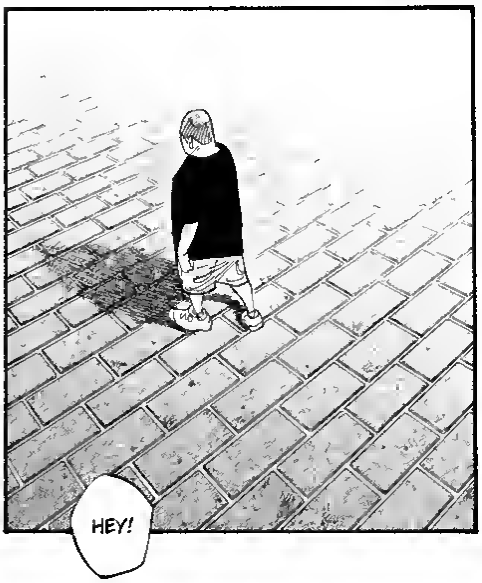

ANZAI-
KUUUN!
WOOOOO!
YOSHIKIIIII!
12
3


HEY!

THAT YOU JUST CAN'T EVER REACH.
THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE
ANZAI
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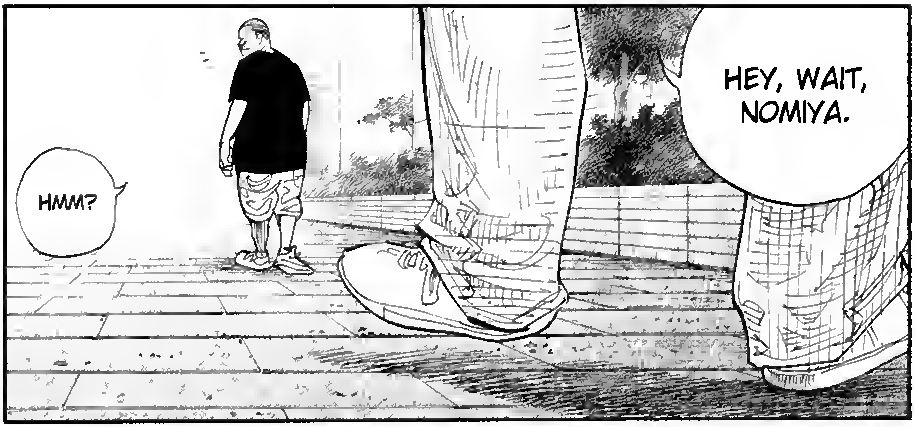
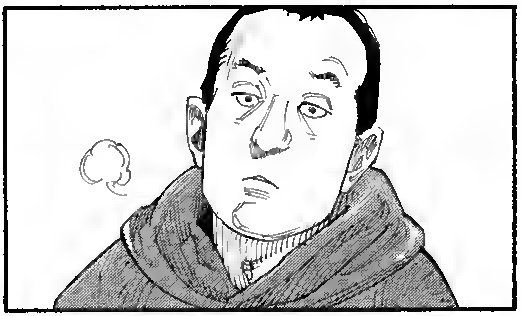
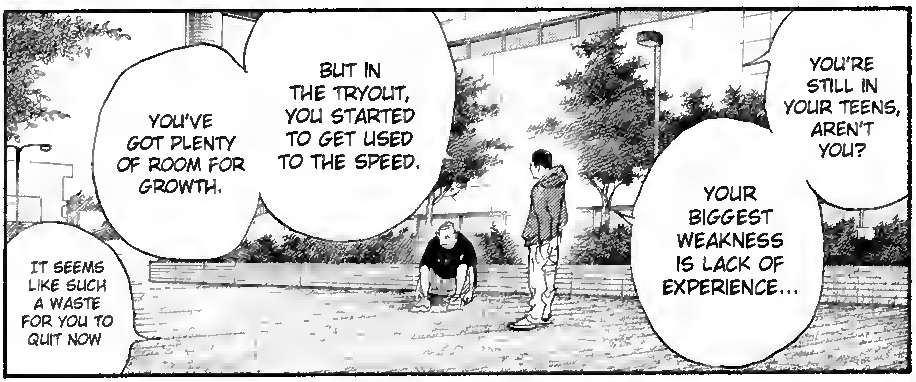
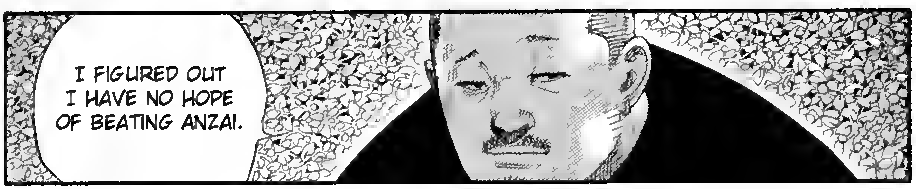

HEY, WAIT, NOMIYA.
HMM?

ARE YOU GIVING UP?




IT SEEMS LIKE SUCH A WASTE FOR YOU TO QUIT NOW
YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF ROOM FOR GROWTH.
BUT IN THE TRYOUT, YOU STARTED TO GET USED TO THE SPEED.
YOUR BIGGEST WEAKNESS IS LACK OF EXPERIENCE...
YOU'RE STILL IN YOUR TEENS, AREN'T YOU?


I FIGURED OUT I HAVE NO HOPE OF BEATING ANZAI.

I DON'T THINK I COULD BEAT ANZAI EITHER.
STILL, I'M GONNA TRYOUT AGAIN NEXT TIME. MAYBE EVEN OUTSIDE TOKYO.
I'LL TAKE EVERY TRYOUT FOR EVERY OTHER TEAM.

EVEN IF I HAVE TO BE THE BACKUP FOR THE BACKUP THIRD POINT GUARD,
THERE ARE STILL THINGS I CAN DO EVEN IF I DON'T GET PLAY TIME.

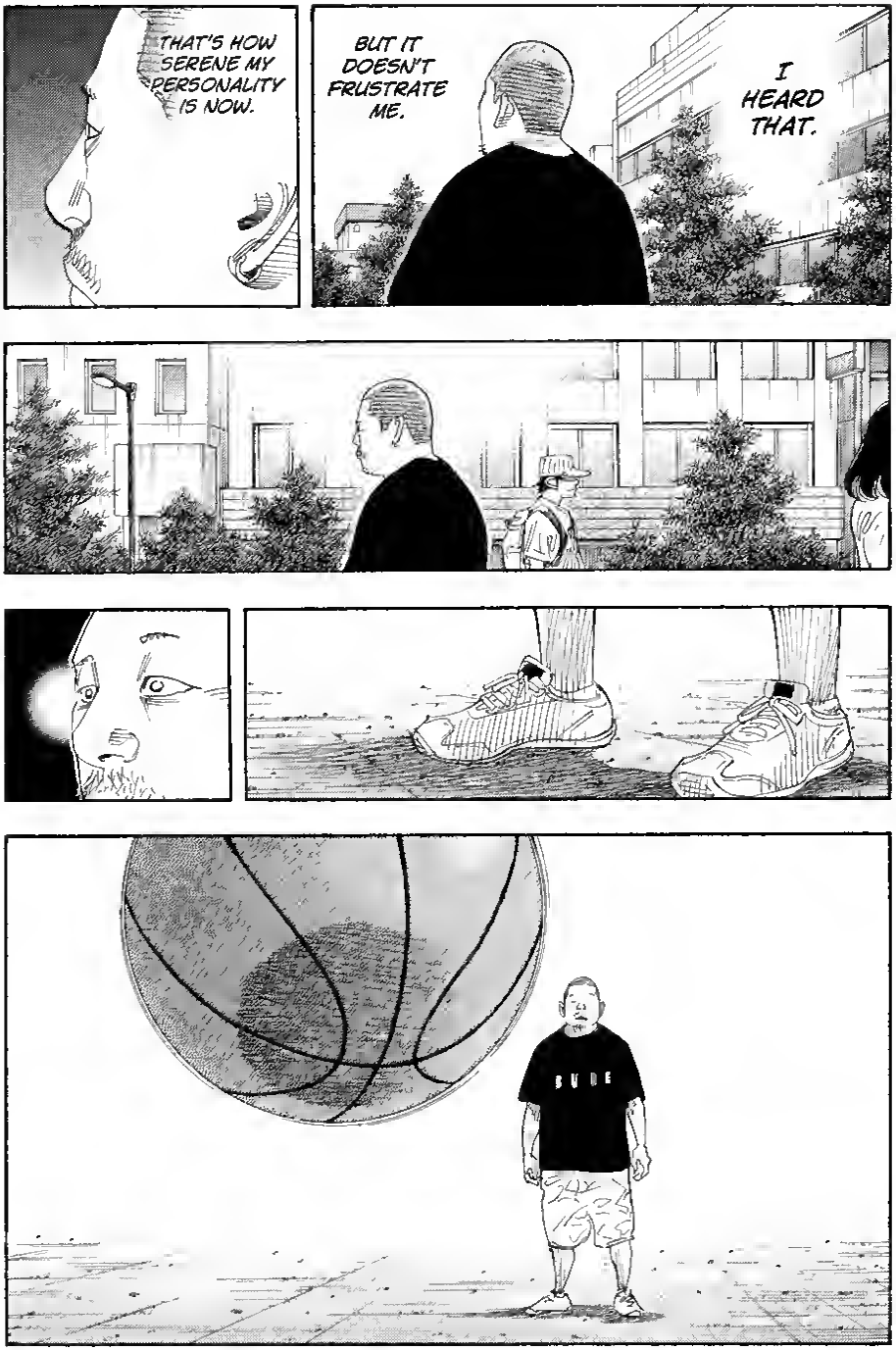
I'LL DO ANYTHING TO DO THAT.
AND IF THERE ISN'T, I'LL MAKE ONE.
I KNOW I'VE GOT A PLACE SOMEWHERE.

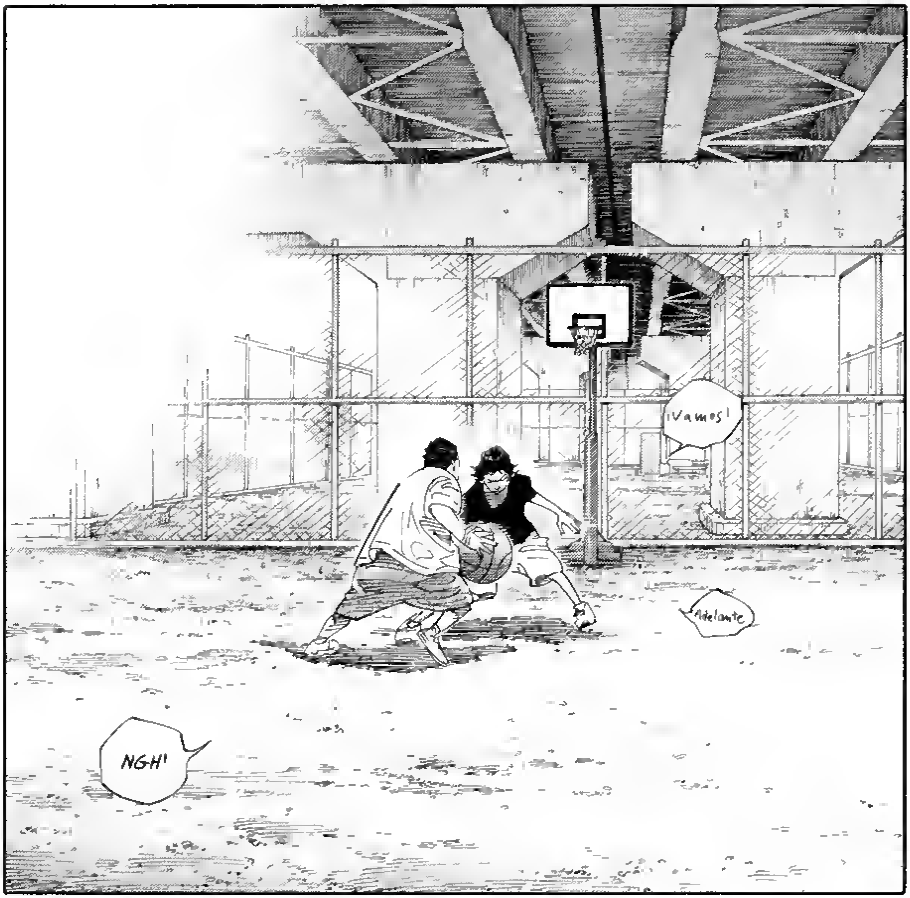
THAT'S WHAT LIVING AS A PRO MEANS, DOESN'T IT?

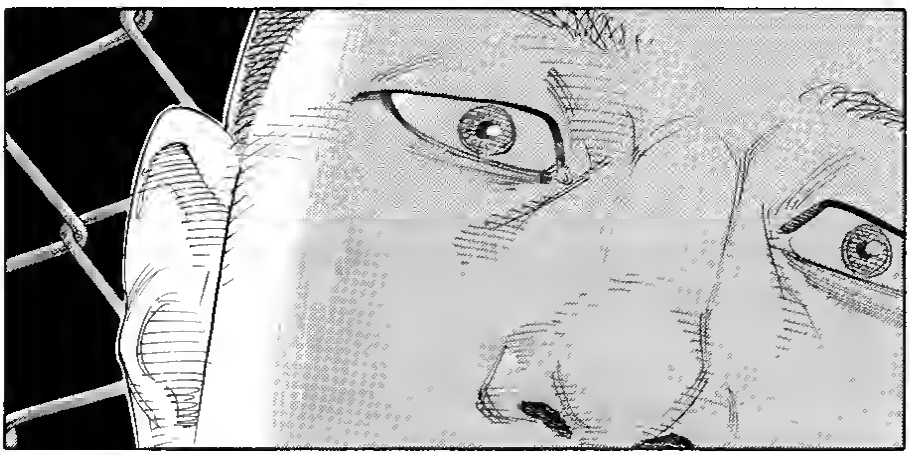
I STARTED THINKING THAT WAY ABOUT THINGS FROM WATCHING YOU!
IT WAS FROM SEEING YOUR APPROACH TO THINGS!
HEY, WAIT, I SAID!
NOMIYA!
HAH
HAH
YOU'RE FAT, BUT YOU'RE DAMN FAST!
THE GOAL WAS JUST SOMEWHERE UP AHEAD, AND I WAS JUST IN THE PROCESS OF REACHING IT...
HAH
HAH
I WAS ABLE TO KEEP GOING THIS WHOLE TIME BY THINKING THAT NO MATTER HOW FAR AWAY IT WAS,

I COULD KEEP GOING BECAUSE I THOUGHT THAT IN THE END I'D BE THE BEST POINT GUARD IN JAPAN.
HAH
HAH
I FEEL LIKE AN IMPORTANT SCREW CAME LOOSE.
...!!
NOW THAT I REALIZE THAT THAT I CAN'T MAKE THAT GOAL,

I DON'T FEEL LIKE I COULD BEAT ANYBODY ANYMORE.
I GUESS YOU'RE ALL TALK
YOU'RE JUST SOME KID THAT KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT THE REAL WORLD.
...
HAVE YOU BEEN PUTTING IN THE WORK TO MATCH UP WITH THAT?
...THE BEST POINT GUARD IN JAPAN?


THAT'S HOW SERENE MY PERSONALITY IS NOW.
BUT IT DOESN'T FRUSTRATE ME.
I HEARD THAT.
BUDE


¡Vamos!
Adelante
NGH!



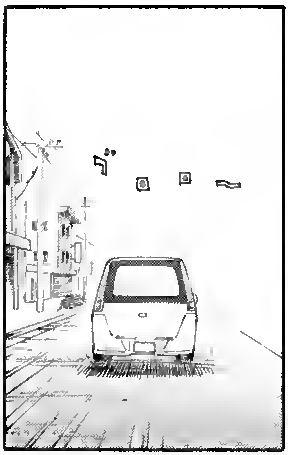
GUH!
AHH!
SLAP
UAAH!
DOH
...

BUDE
SHIT.
UGO!
SHIT...
UOOO OOOOH!

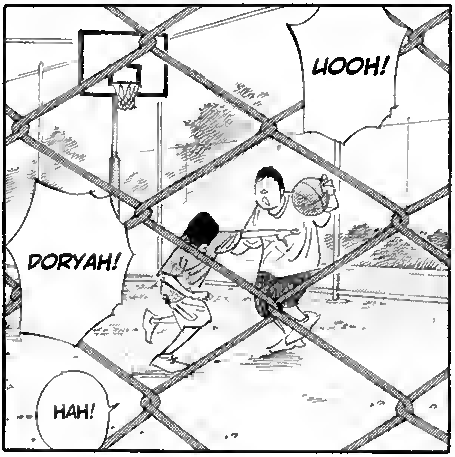
UGOO OOOO!!
C'MON!
I'M GONNA WIN THIS TIME!!

THANK YOU, UGO.

I WAS ABLE TO LIVE BECAUSE I HAD BASKETBALL.



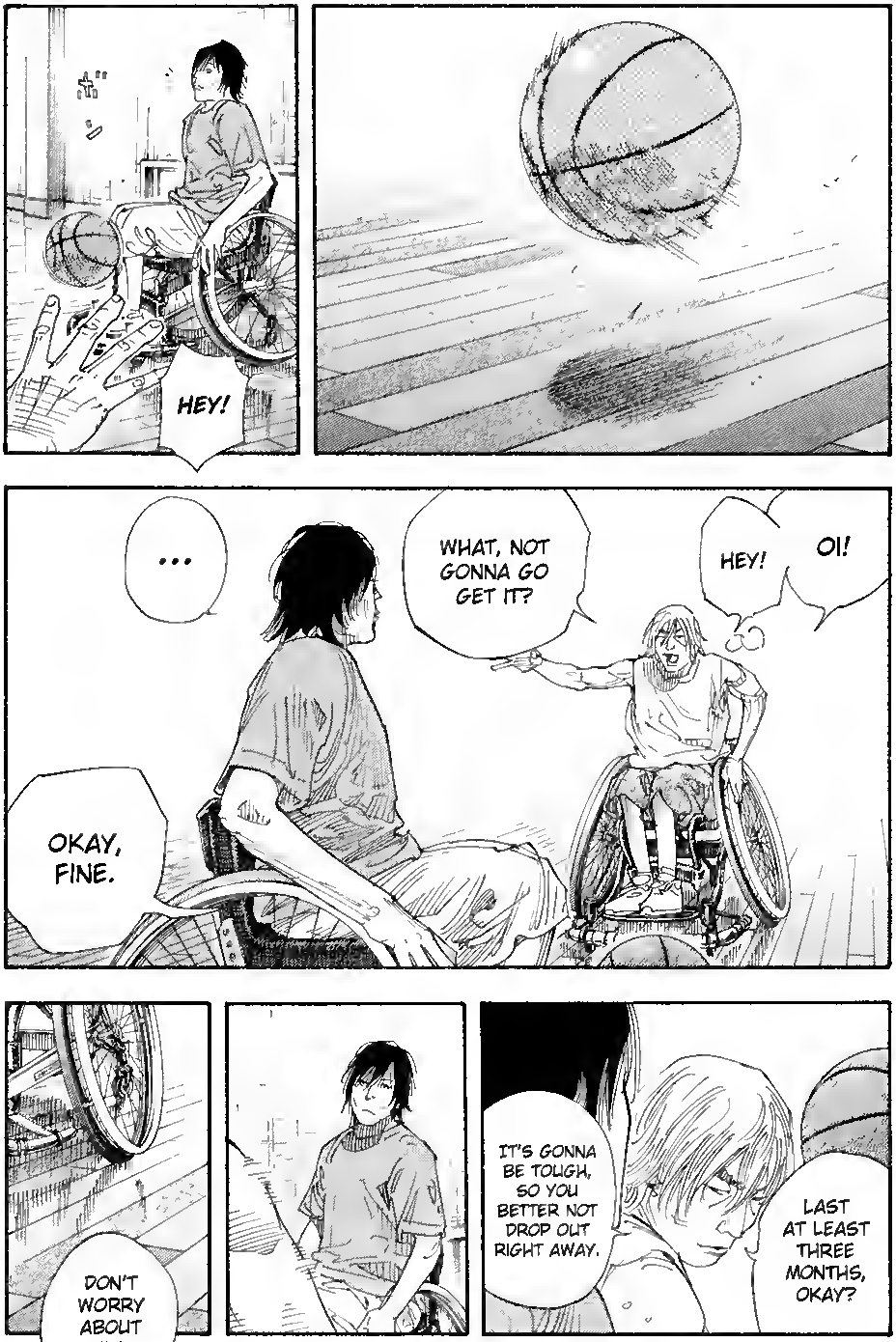
OH,
LOOKS LIKE HE WENT HOME.
WHAT A CREEP.


HOOH!
DORYAH!
HAH!

OOOO OHHH!
DREAMS
PICK!
GIMME THE BALL!!

PUT YOUR SOUL INTO IT!!
BUT WE'VE NEVER MADE IT PAST THE TOP 8 AT NATIONALS.
WE'VE WON BEST IN TOKYO EIGHT YEARS RUNNING.
DREAMS

IT'S OKAY...
THIS YEAR WE'LL BE IN THE TOP 4.
ACTUALLY, LET'S GO FOR CHAMPIONS.
YOU WANNA TOUCH THE BALL, RIGHT?
YOU'RE AN EXPERIENCED BASKETBALL PLAYER, AFTER ALL.
SORRY, TAKA-HASHI.
WE'RE COMING RIGHT UP ON THAT NOW, SO EVERYONE'S IN A FRENZY.
...
...?
I DON'T WANT TO TOUCH IT YET.


HEY!
...
WHAT, NOT GONNA GO GET IT?
HEY!
OI!
OKAY, FINE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM.
IT'S GONNA BE TOUGH, SO YOU BETTER NOT DROP OUT RIGHT AWAY.
LAST AT LEAST THREE MONTHS, OKAY?

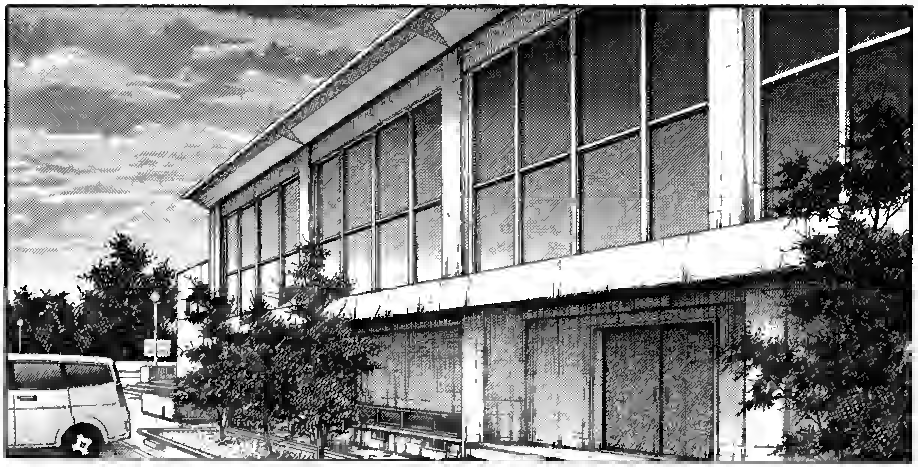
...
I WAS KINDA OVERWHELMED WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE, TOO.
EVERYBODY'S SO DAMN GOOD.
I MEAN, LOOK HOW THICK THEIR ARMS ARE, RIGHT?
AOKI-KUN IS THE NASTIEST GUY IN TOKYO.
NICE TO MEET YA. I'M DAISUKE.
ANYHOW, DO YOUR BEST UNTIL YOU GET USED TO IT.
IT'S LIKE THAT FOR EVERYBODY IN THE BEGINNING.
HE'S LOOKING DOWN ON ME...
...

COULD YOU PLEASE NOT TELL ANYONE I'M EXPERIENCED AT BASKETBALL?
NAGAI-SAN.
YOU EVEN USE YOUR HANDS TO RUN IN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL.
I GET THE DIFFERENCE FROM REGULAR BASKETBALL AND WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL.

HISANOBU UUUU!
AND THE HANDLING OF THE BALL WITH YOUR HANDS.
YOU DO BOTH THE CONTROL-LING OF THE CHAIR
KEEP IT TIGHT!
THAT'S THE FOUNDATION FOR ALL MOVEMENT IN BASKETBALL!
DON'T SLACK OFF ON YOUR FOOTWORK!
WHAT I HAVE TO DO FIRST IS...
HEEEY, MOVE!!
YOU'RE TAKING TOO LONG TO GET BACK TO DEFENSE!

UNTIL THEN, IT'S OKAY IF I DON'T TOUCH THE BALL.
GET THE WHEELCHAIR TO MOVE THE WAY I WANT IT TO.
NO, I WON'T TOUCH IT.
AND WHEN I DO START TOUCHING THE BALL—

I WON'T LOSE TO ANY ONE OF YOU.



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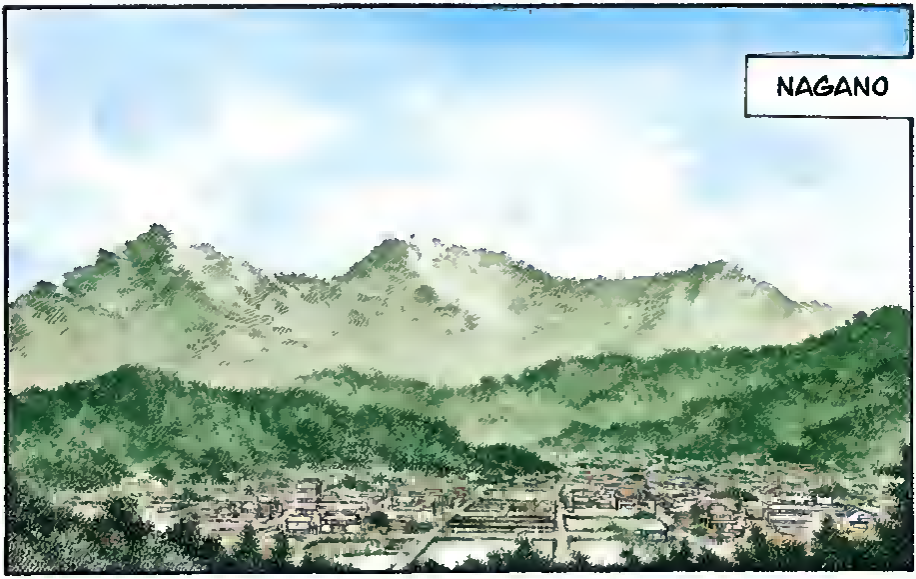
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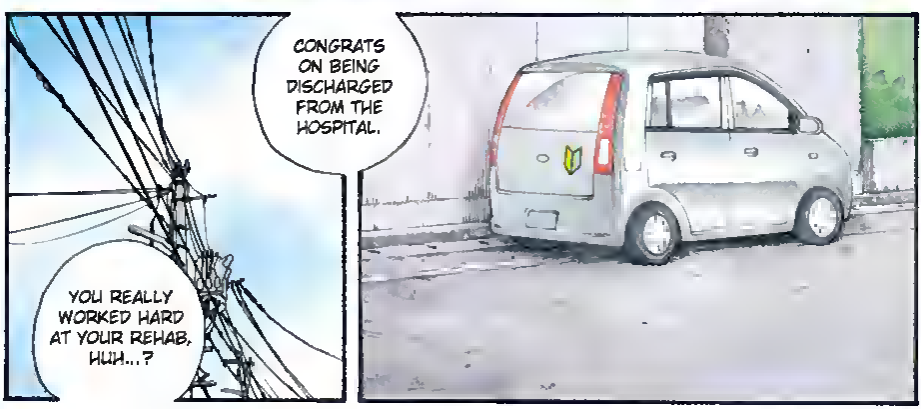
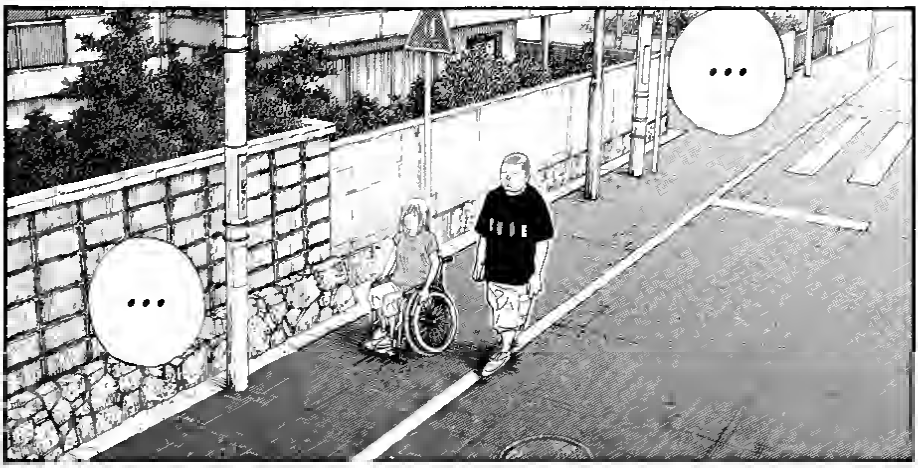

CONGRATS ON BEING DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL.
YOU REALLY WORKED HARD AT YOUR REHAB, HUH...?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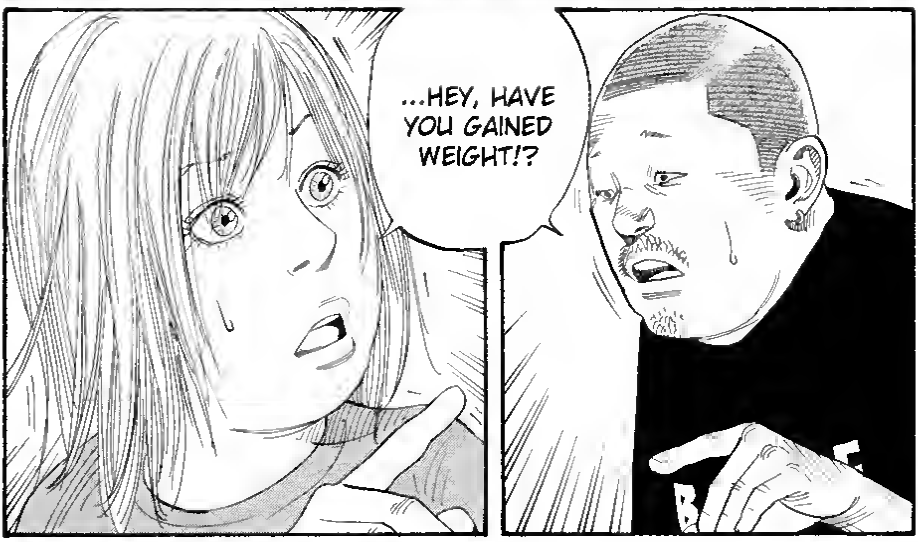
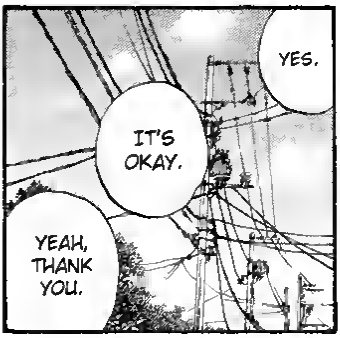
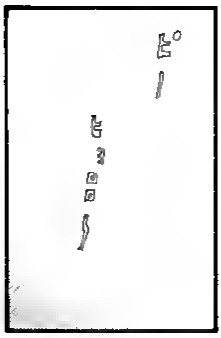

...HEY, HAVE YOU GAINED WEIGHT!?


YES.
IT'S OKAY.
YEAH, THANK YOU.

CHAAARARA CHACHACHA ♪
YES, HELLO?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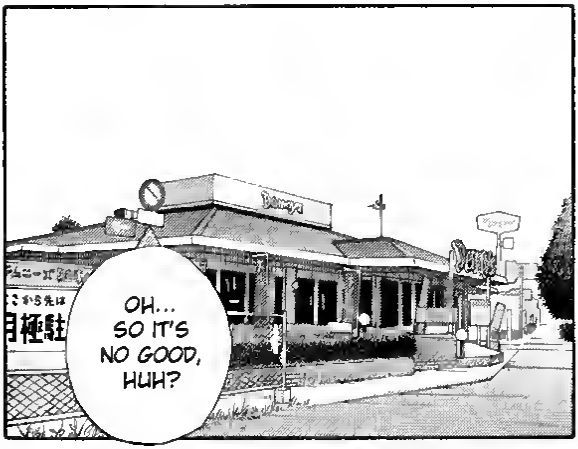
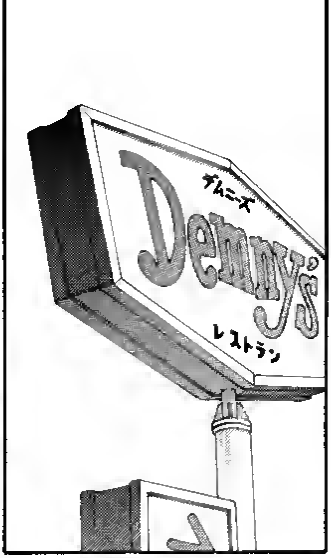
SORRY. YOU'RE AN ASSAILANT.
AND YOU USE STRONG LANGUAGE
!?
I'VE GOTTA UP MY FAVORABILITY RATING...
WHO IS IT?
MY LITTLE SISTER
SHE ASKED IF SHE SHOULD CALL FOR HELP.
MY FAMILY'S WORRIED.
BY THE WAY,
UH... WHAT... HAPPENED WITH THAT?
BECOMING A BASKETBALL PRO AND ALL.


OH... SO IT'S NO GOOD, HUH?


Denny's

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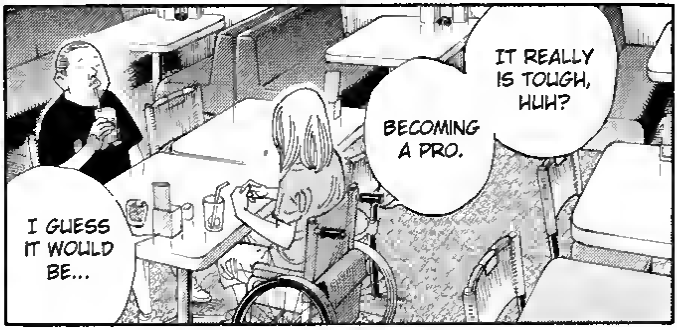
I GUESS IT WOULD BE...
BECOMING A PRO.
IT REALLY IS TOUGH, HUH?

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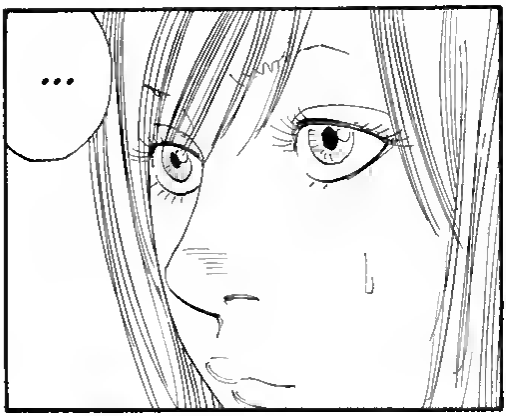
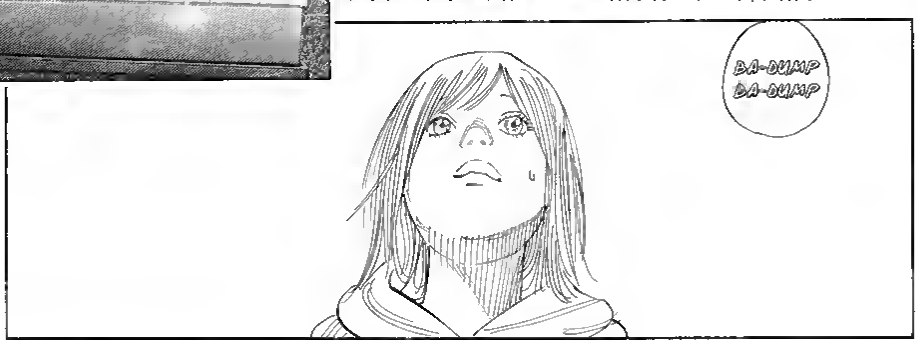
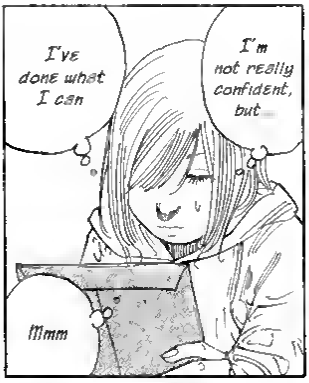
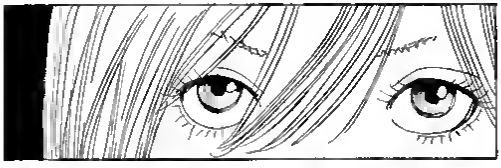
NATSUMI...
IS YOUR PLAN
OF BECOMING A PRO MANGAKA... GOING WELL?



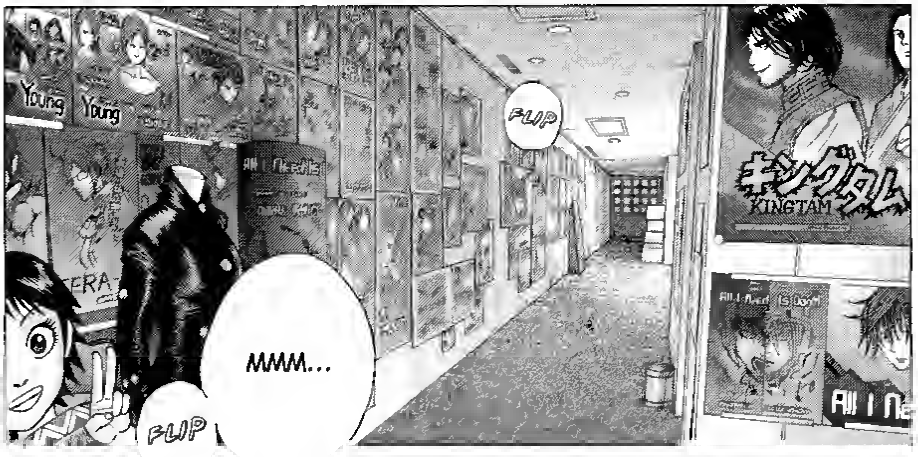
T/L NOTE A PUN ON THE COMPANY THAT PUBLISHES THIS MANGA, SHUUEISHA







T/N A JOKE ON THE MANGA ONE PIECE AND KINGDOM



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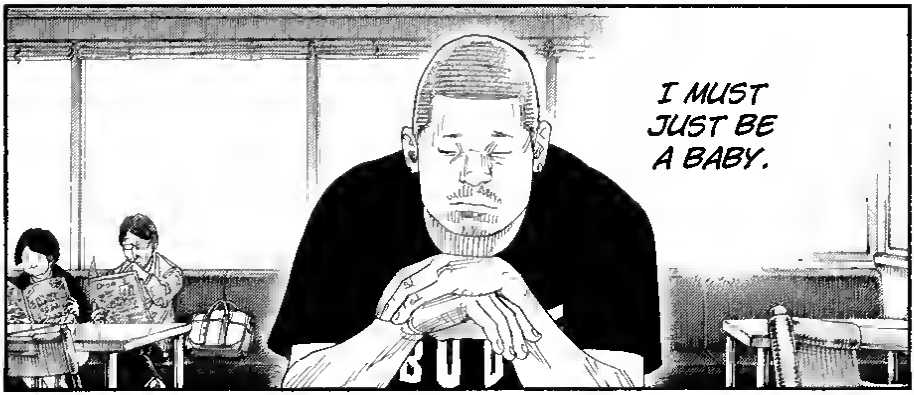
FLIP
FLIP
...
YOU KNOW, MAINSTREAM
A STRAIGHT-BALL, HUH?
WE DON'T NEED ANYMORE MAINSTREAM MANGA.
FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS,
THE TOP 3 IN THE POPULARITY VOTE HASN'T CHANGED— IN OTHER WORDS,

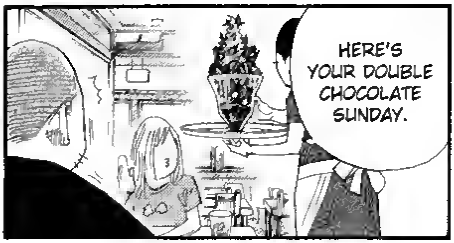
AND AN IMITATOR CAN'T BEAT THE ORIGINAL, RIGHT?
THESE ARE THE RESULTS OF PEOPLE THAT'VE TRIED TO BECOME MANGAKA ADMIRING THOSE TOP 3.
SO WE'RE OVERRUN WITH MANUSCRIPTS THAT ARE SIMILAR.
MAIN-STREAM..
IMITA-TIONS
...
AS IN FINDING A PLACE FOR YOURSELF WHERE THERE'S AN OPENING.
?
HOW ABOUT TRYING FOR A NICHE?
THERE'S NO PAVED ROAD TO BEING A PRO.

A REALISTIC BATTLE STRATEGY...
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID!
I WONDER IF THERE'S A PLACE FOR ME IN THE PRO BASKETBALL WORLD
THAT I COULD'VE LIVED IN...?
A PLACE FOR YOURSELF, HUH?
Hah
NO, IT'S NOT THE SAME
FOR ME...
This
and this

WAS BECAUSE OF THE IDEAL THAT I COULD STAND ON TOP SOMEDAY.

THAT EFFORT





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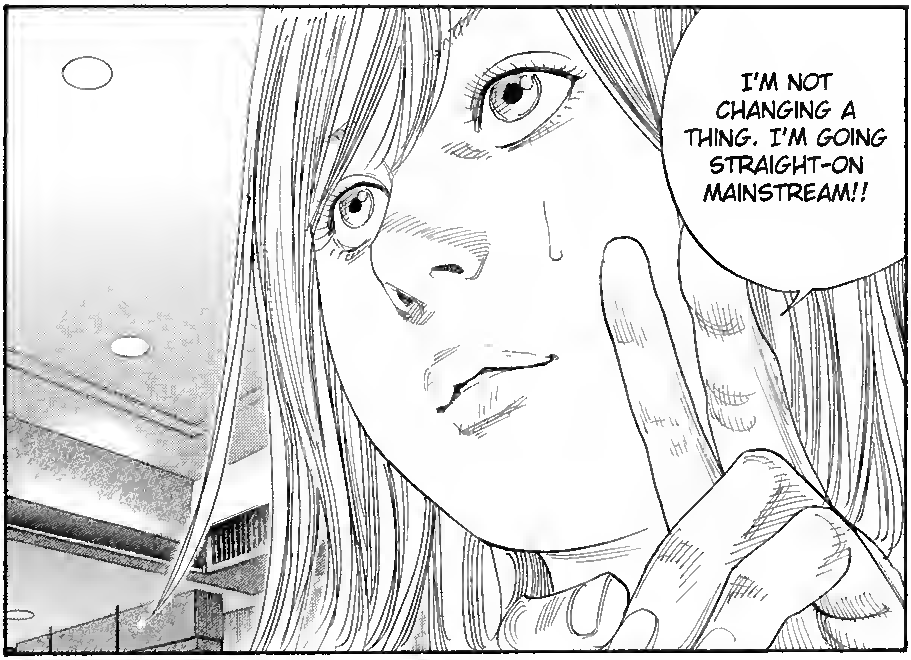
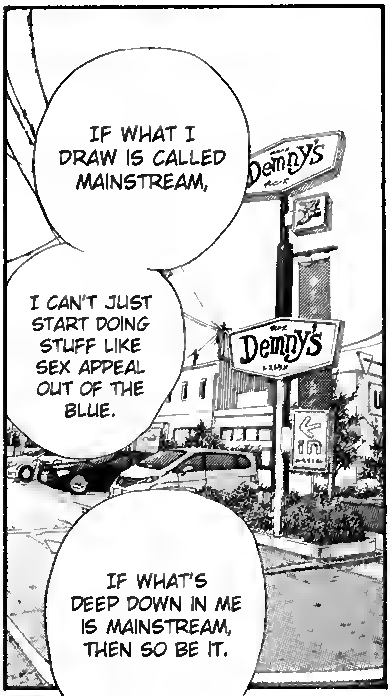
...
HOW THIS GIRL IS DEPICTED.
OR SOME-THING.
AND IT'S CUTE.
IT HAS A UNIQUE REALNESS TO IT,
WAIT...
THIS IS PRETTY CUTE.
HUH?

...
IS... IS THAT SO?
MALE AUTHORS CAN'T DRAW THEM LIKE THIS.
THIS IS A REAL WEAPON!!
YEAH.
AND GO THE SEX APPEAL ROUTE!!
MAKE USE OF THIS
THIS IS IT.
SHORT PAGES WITH LAUGHS AND EROTICISM.
SINCE, RIGHT NOW, ALL OUR MAIN PILLARS ARE LONG STORIES AND DEEP STORIES.
I'M CERTAIN THERE'S DEMAND FOR IT.
HUH?

HUH...?
THE LOOSE, SEX APPEAL ROUTE!!
RIGHT NOW, THAT SPOT'S VACANT. YOU'LL HAVE NO RIVALS!
YOU SHOULD GO FOR THAT.
THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF LIKES THOSE, TOO.
NOTHING MAINSTREAM, OKAY!?
RUST LE
SHUEISHA
HM?
GO DRAW SOMETHING LIGHT AND EROTIC!!

...
Huu
AIN'T EASY.
THE WORLD OF PROS
SO...
...
A SEXY ONE...?
OH, OKAY...
SO...
I'M DRAWING MY NEXT WORK NOW.


I'M NOT CHANGING A THING. I'M GOING STRAIGHT-ON MAINSTREAM!!


IF WHAT I DRAW IS CALLED MAINSTREAM,
I CAN'T JUST START DOING STUFF LIKE SEX APPEAL OUT OF THE BLUE.
IF WHAT'S DEEP DOWN IN ME IS MAINSTREAM, THEN SO BE IT.
Denny's
Denny's

I DON'T REALLY GET THE WHOLE MAINSTREAM AND OPENING THING ANYHOW.
WHAT'S NICHE EVEN MEAN?

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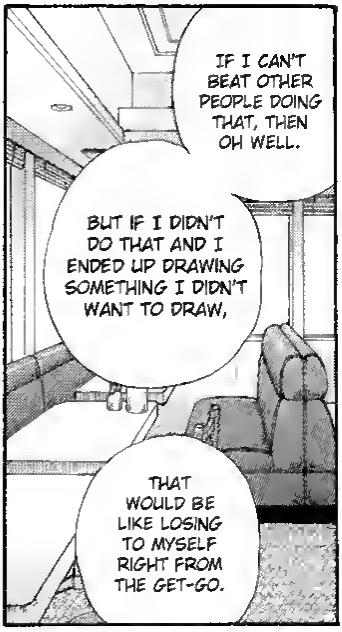
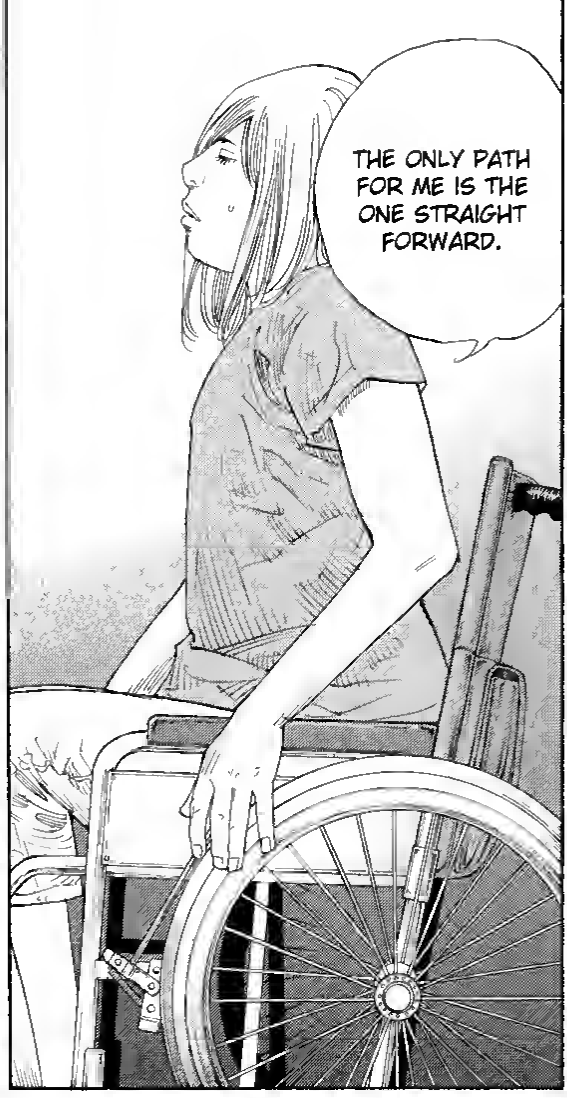
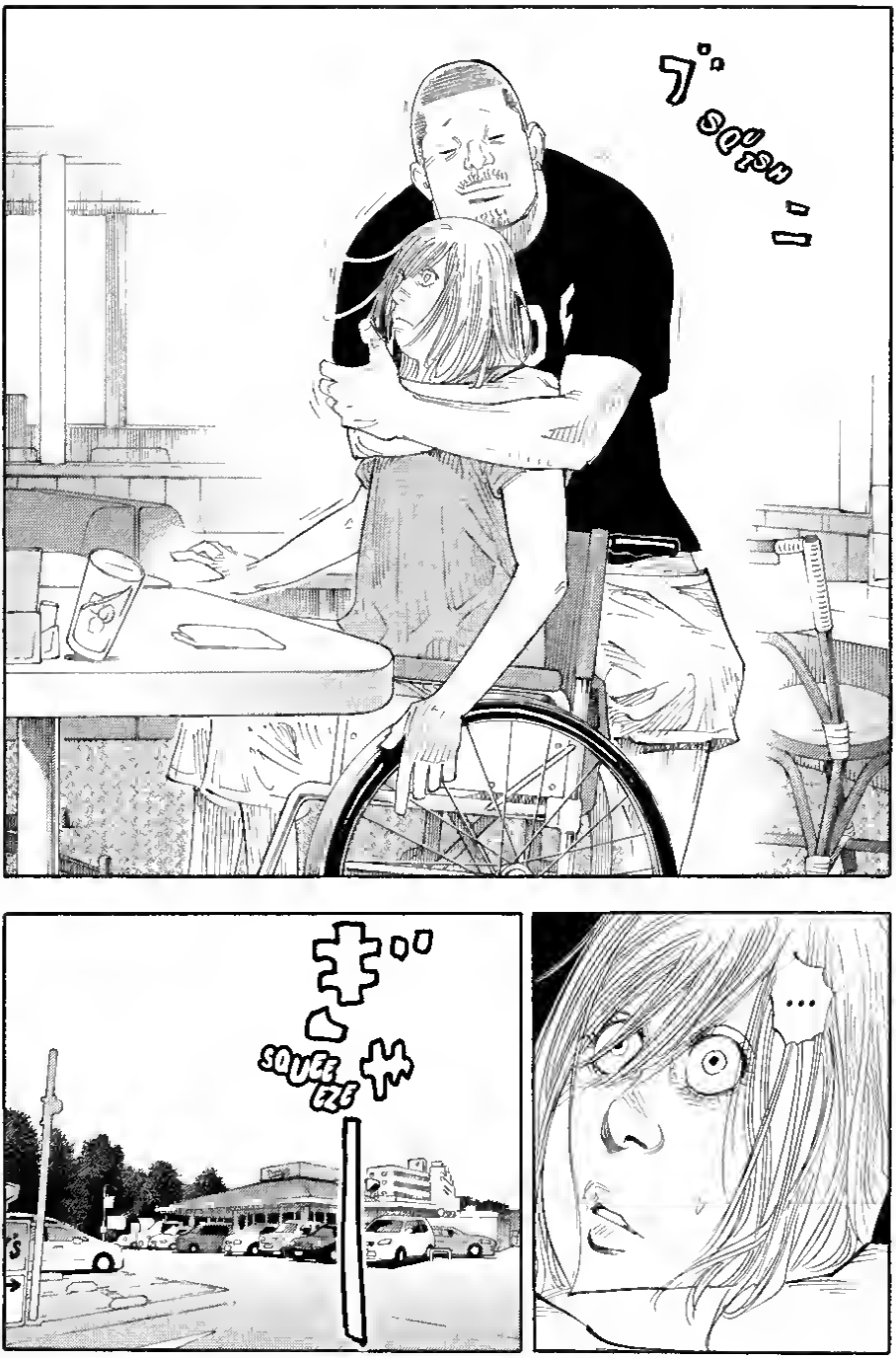

IF I CAN'T BEAT OTHER PEOPLE DOING THAT, THEN OH WELL.
BUT IF I DIDN'T DO THAT AND I ENDED UP DRAWING SOMETHING I DIDN'T WANT TO DRAW,
THAT WOULD BE LIKE LOSING TO MYSELF RIGHT FROM THE GET-GO.


THE ONLY PATH FOR ME IS THE ONE STRAIGHT FORWARD.

DON'T YOU THINK?
RUDE

...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SQUEEZE
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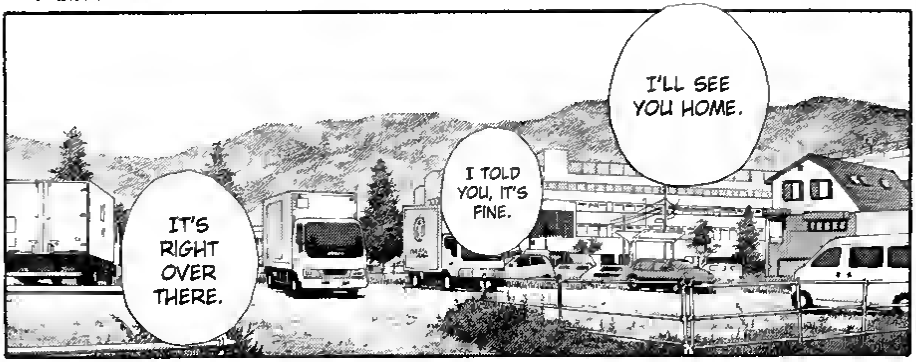
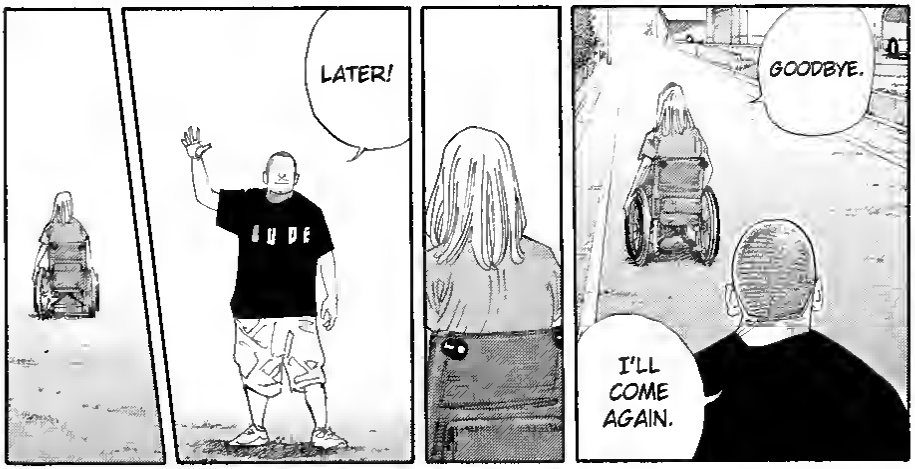
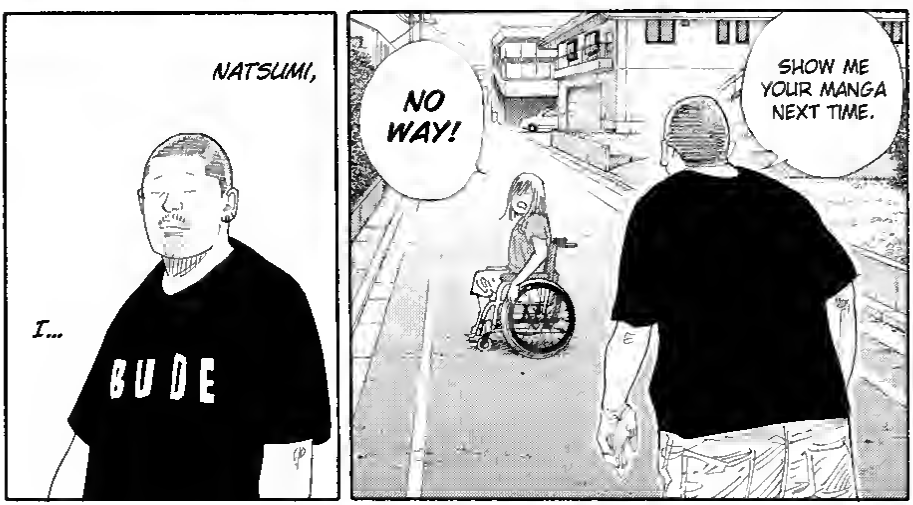
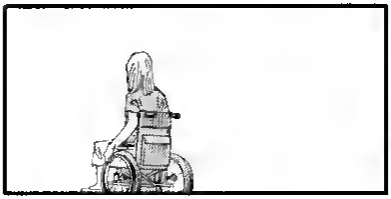
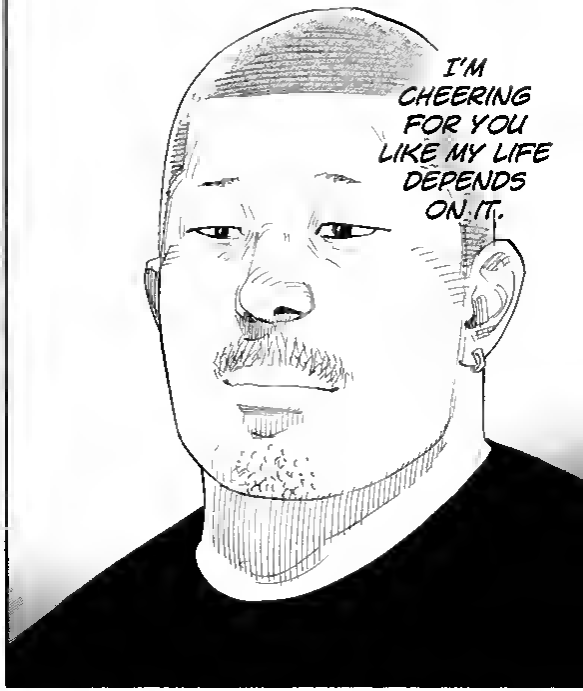
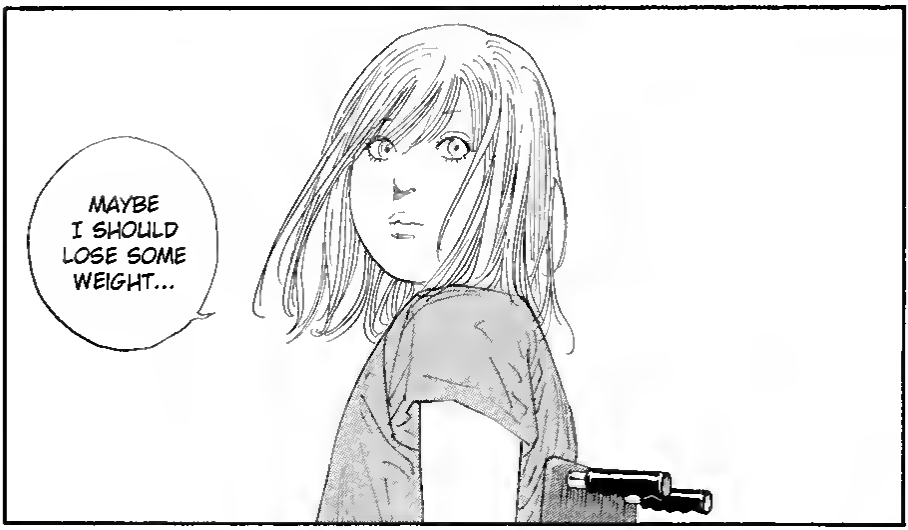

I'LL SEE YOU HOME.
I TOLD YOU, IT'S FINE.
IT'S RIGHT OVER THERE.

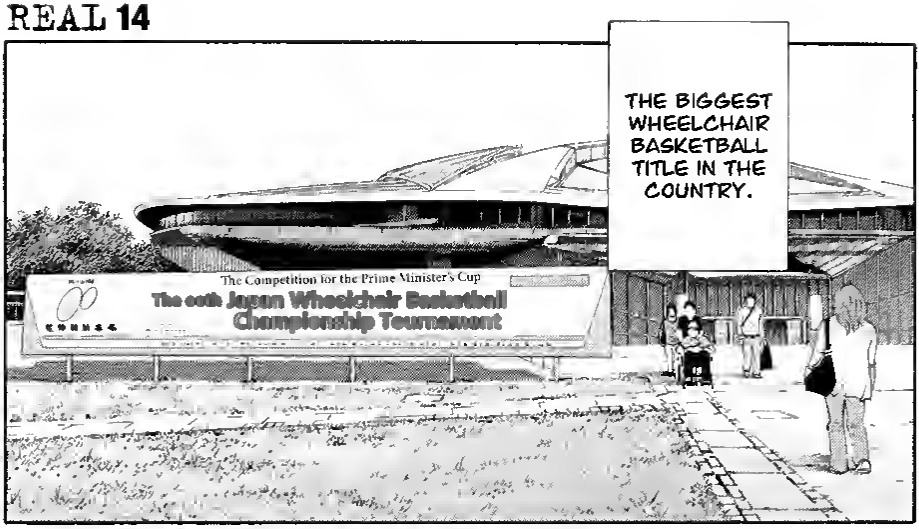

LATER!
BUDE
GOODBYE.
I'LL COME AGAIN.


NATSUMI,
I...
BUDE
NO WAY!
SHOW ME YOUR MANGA NEXT TIME.




I'M CHEERING FOR YOU LIKE MY LIFE DEPENDS ON IT.


MAYBE I SHOULD LOSE SOME WEIGHT...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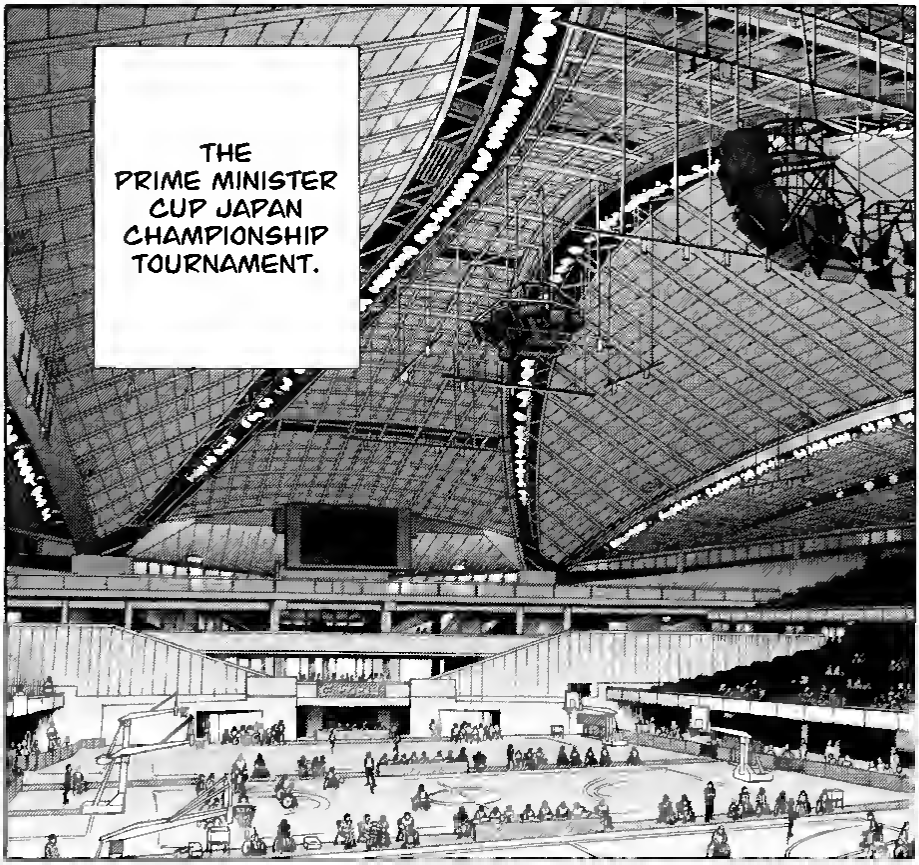
The Competition for the Prime Minister's Cup
The 00th Japan Wheelchair Basketball Championship Tournament


THE PRIME MINISTER CUP JAPAN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

Dreams
42
A-58
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OKAY, READY!!?
WE'VE JUST GOTTA DO WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING!!
OUH!!
LET'S MAKE IT PAST THIS GAME!
OKAY!!?
That one guy really stands out.
The Dreams really are good
Whoa
Man, a match at the Tokyo Gymnasium
FINALLY...!!
IF WE WIN THIS, WE'RE IN THE TOP 4.

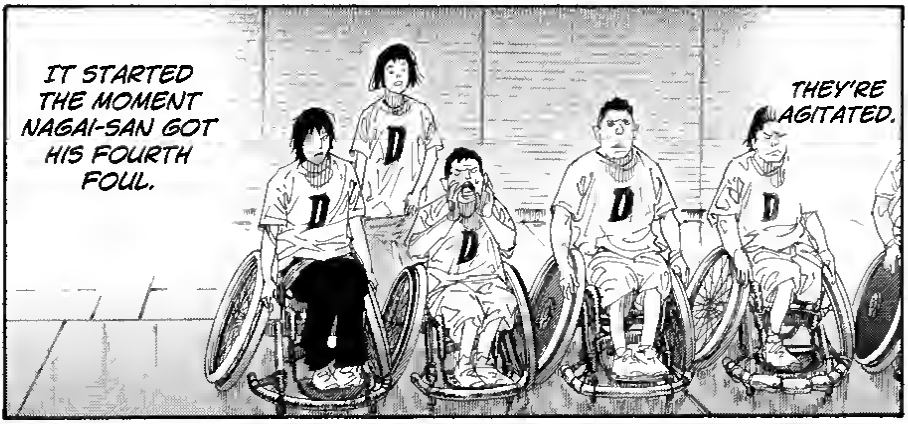
FUJI-KURAA AAAA!!
THAT'S HIS 30TH POINT!!
FUJIKURA...
OUH!
THAT'S OUR MAN!!
NAGAI-SAN!!
HUH?

Nagai-san...?
Did he just do some-thing...?

NAGAI
4

A THREEEEE!!
FUJIKURA IS THE BIGGEST ONE, THE CENTER.
BUT IF HE CARRIES THE BALL, YOU CAN SHOOT THREE-POINTERS, TOO.
I still can't believe somebody can make three-pointers while sitting down
I...
NOBODY BEATS ME WHEN IT COMES TO SHOOTING.
IF I CAN MASTER FOOTWORK, THE SKILL OF MANEUVERING THE WHEELCHAIR, AND BUILD THE
NEEDED TO DO SO,
NO, EVEN I'M
GONNA BE ABLE TO DO THEM SOMEDAY.

CAN BECOME FUJIKURA.
!!
FOUL, WHITE NUMBER 4!
PIPI
NAGAI,
WHEN WE GET TO THE LAST FIVE MINUTES, YOU'LL GO IN.
GOTCHA, SORRY.
WE'RE MAKING A SUBSTI-TUTION
KURI-HARA!
AAAH! NAGAI-SAN!
THAT'S HIS FOURTH ONE...


IT STARTED THE MOMENT NAGAI-SAN GOT HIS FOURTH FOUL.
THEY'RE AGITATED.

THE WHOLE ATMOSPHERE'S CHANGED.
WHY?

Dreams
8:12
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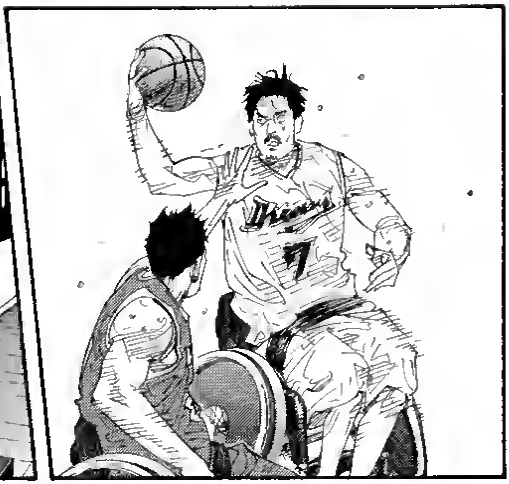
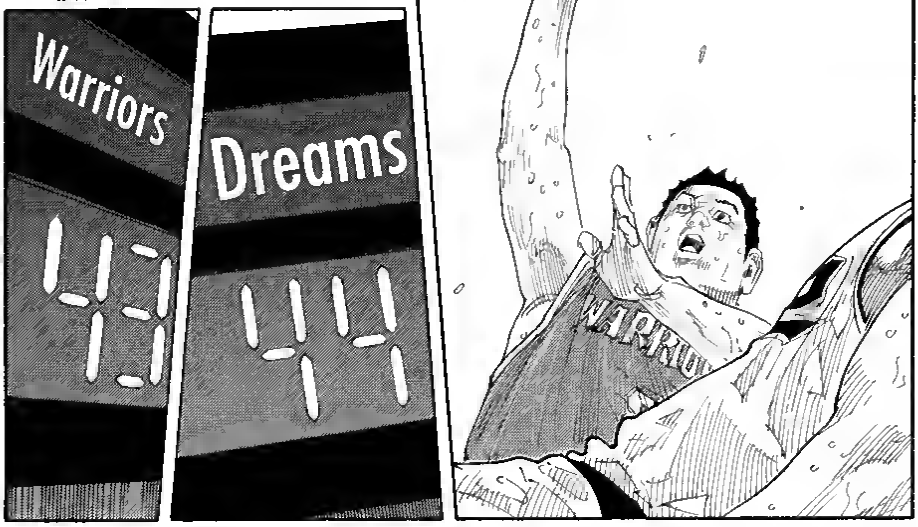
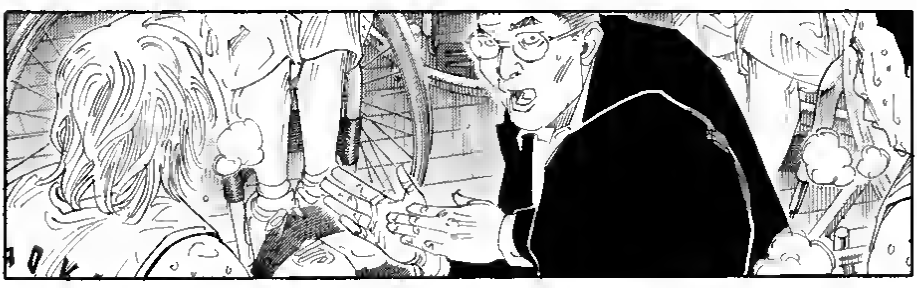
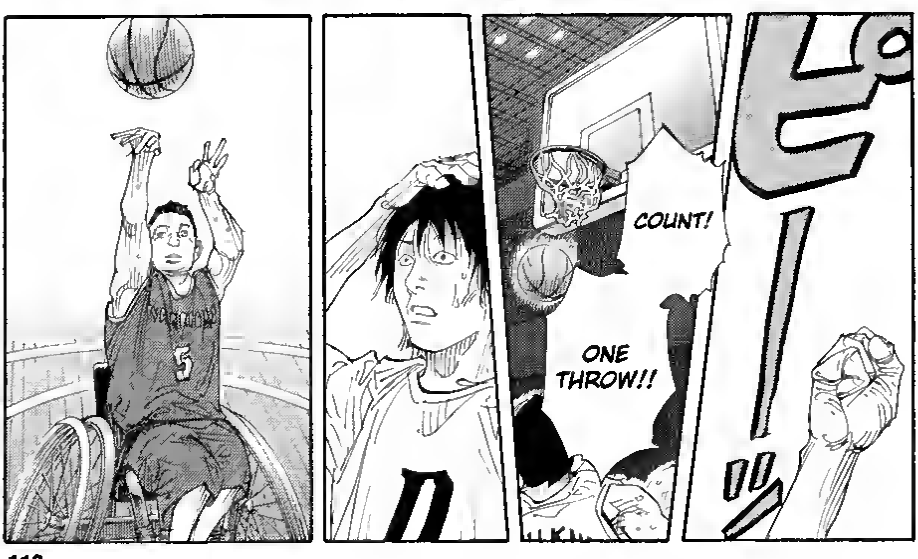



Warriors
Dreams

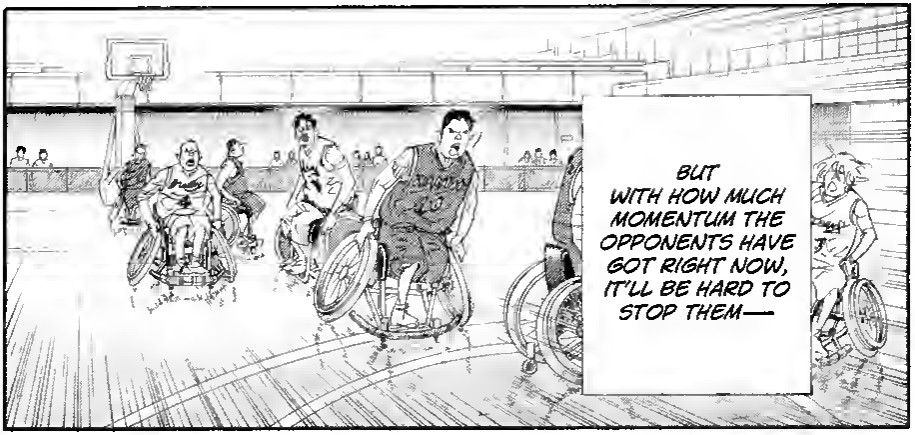


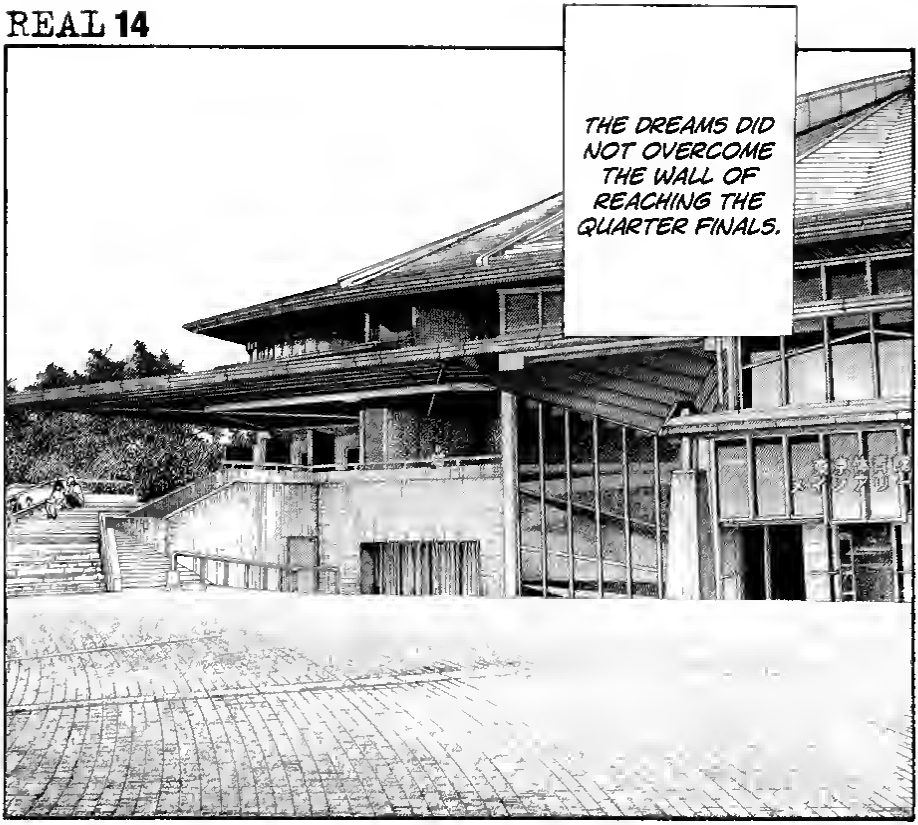

COUNT!
ONE THROW!!

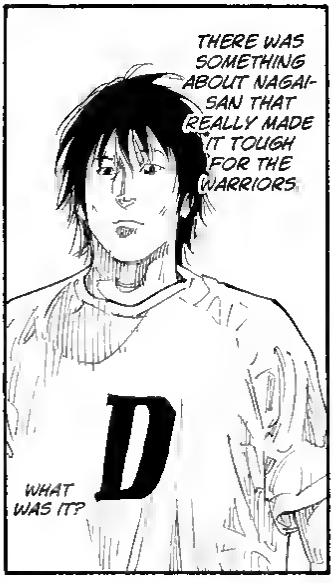
Dreams
Warriors

THEY'RE SENDING NAGAI BACK ONTO THE COURT EARLIER THAN THEY PLANNED.

NAGAI!!


BUT WITH HOW MUCH MOMENTUM THE OPPONENTS HAVE GOT RIGHT NOW, IT'LL BE HARD TO STOP THEM—


THE DREAMS DID NOT OVERCOME THE WALL OF REACHING THE QUARTER FINALS.


THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT NAGAI-SAN THAT REALLY MADE IT TOUGH FOR THE WARRIORS.
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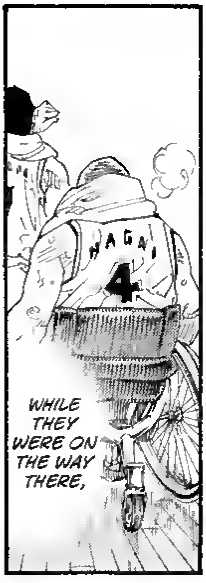
WHAT WAS IT?


NAGAI
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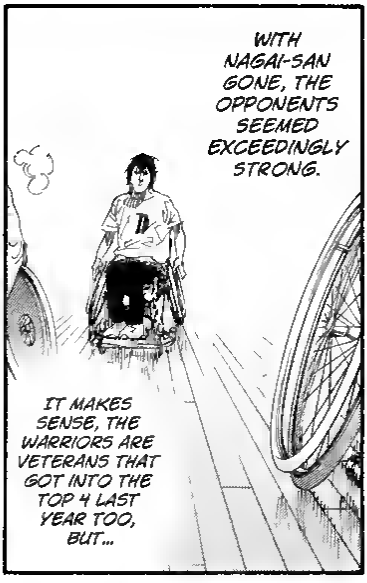
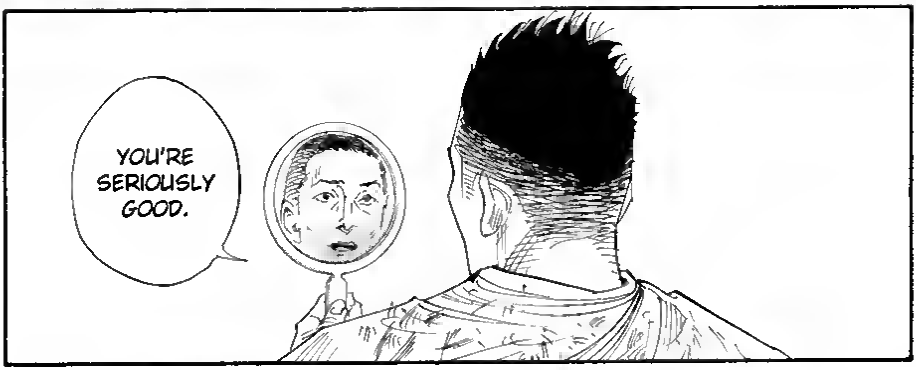
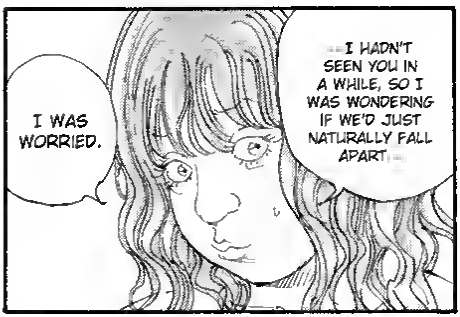
WHILE THEY WERE ON THE WAY THERE,

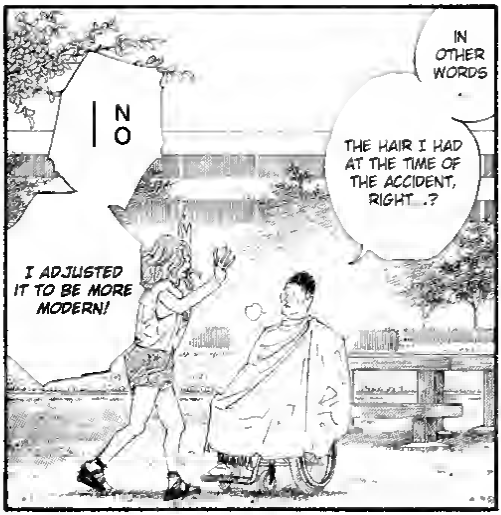

WITH NAGAI-SAN GONE, THE OPPONENTS SEEMED EXCEEDINGLY STRONG.
IT MAKES SENSE, THE WARRIORS ARE VETERANS THAT GOT INTO THE TOP 4 LAST YEAR TOO, BUT...

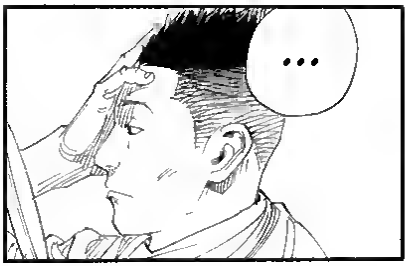
TAKA-HASHI-KUN.
BECOME A YOUNG LOW-POINTER TO SUCCEED NAGAI-SAN, OKAY?
GIVE IT YOUR ALL.
LOW-POINTER...?
WHAT'S A...


YOU'RE SERIOUSLY GOOD.


I WAS WORRIED.
...I HADN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE, SO I WAS WONDERING IF WE'D JUST NATURALLY FALL APART...

YOU COULD BECOME A PRO HAIRDRESSER
EHEEH!


IN OTHER WORDS...
THE HAIR I HAD AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT, RIGHT...?
NO
I ADJUSTED IT TO BE MORE MODERN!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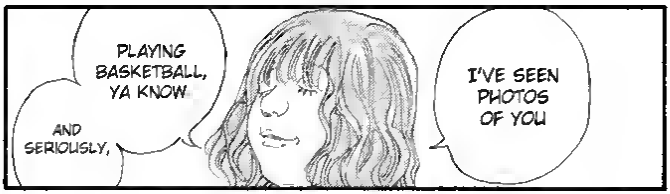
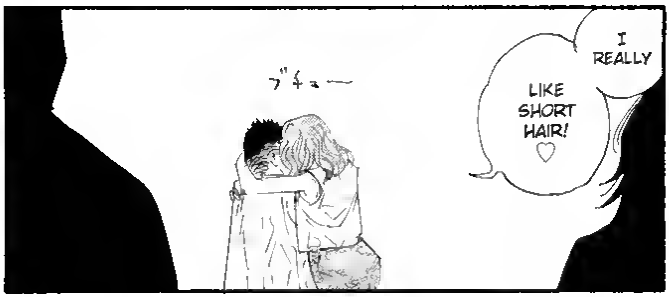
SO LIKE I SAID, THAT'S THE HAIRSTYLE YOU HAD WHEN I MET YOU.


PLAYING BASKETBALL, YA KNOW
AND SERIOUSLY,
I'VE SEEN PHOTOS OF YOU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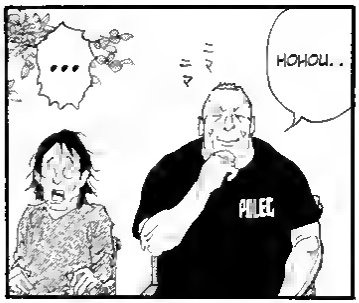
I REALLY LIKE SHORT HAIR! ♡

That bastard...
HE REALLY ISN'T THE TYPE OF GUY I CAN GET ALONG WITH AFTER ALL—
TAKA-HASHI-KUN,
MUMBLE MUMBLE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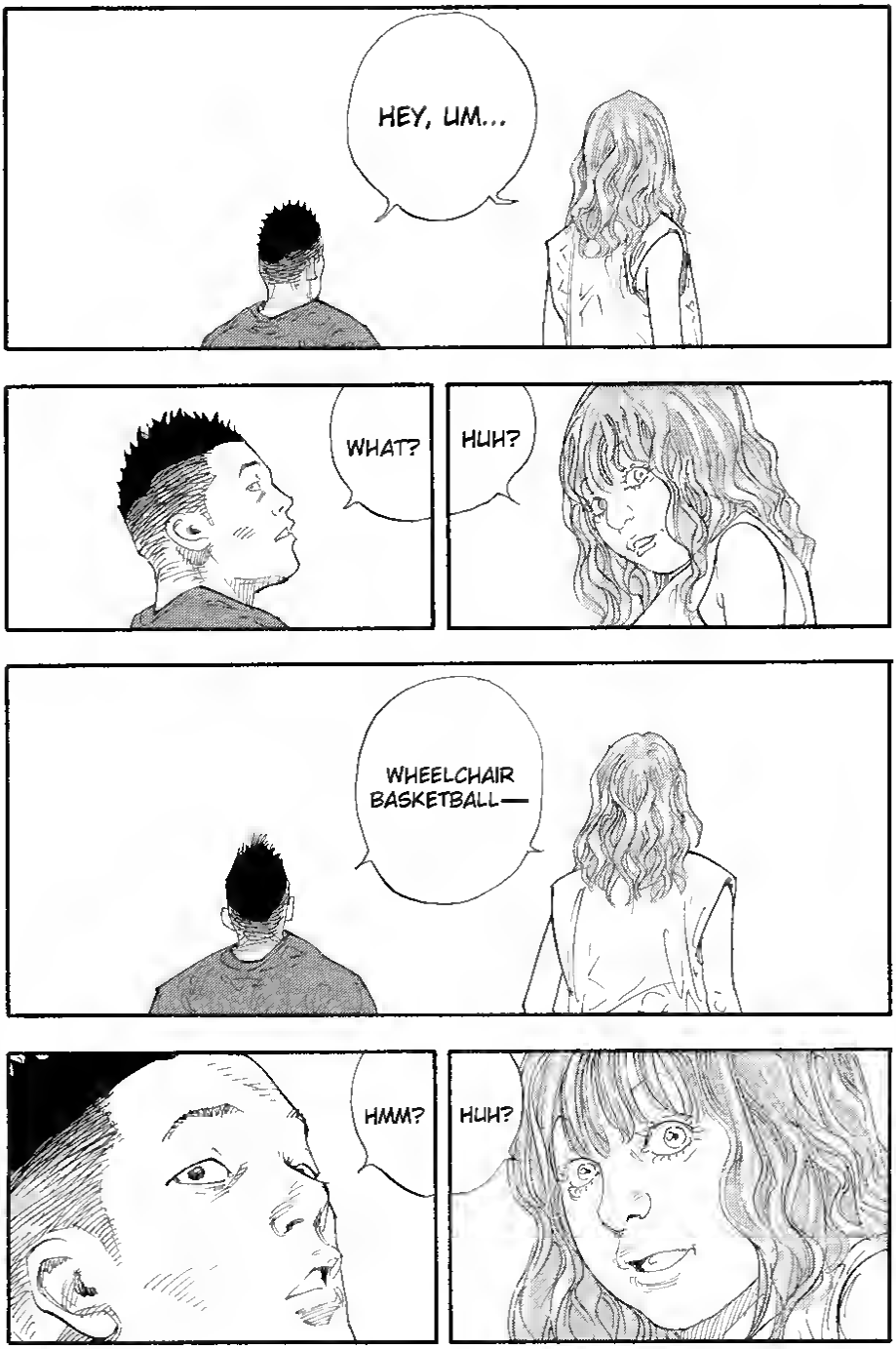
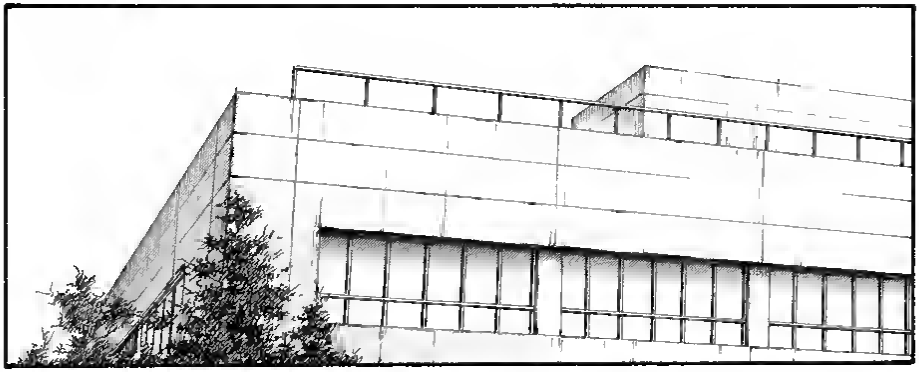
HOHOU..
PHLEG

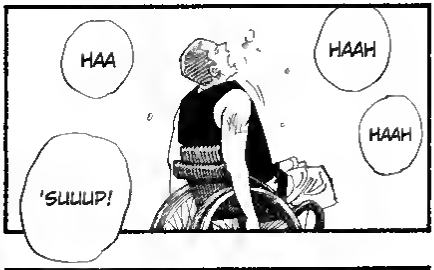

HEY, UM...
WHAT?
HUH?
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL—
HMM?
HUH?

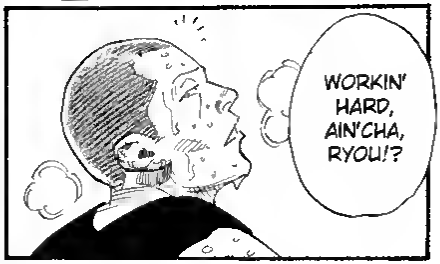
THE DREAMS—
THE TIGERS—
HUH?
HUUUUUUUH!?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

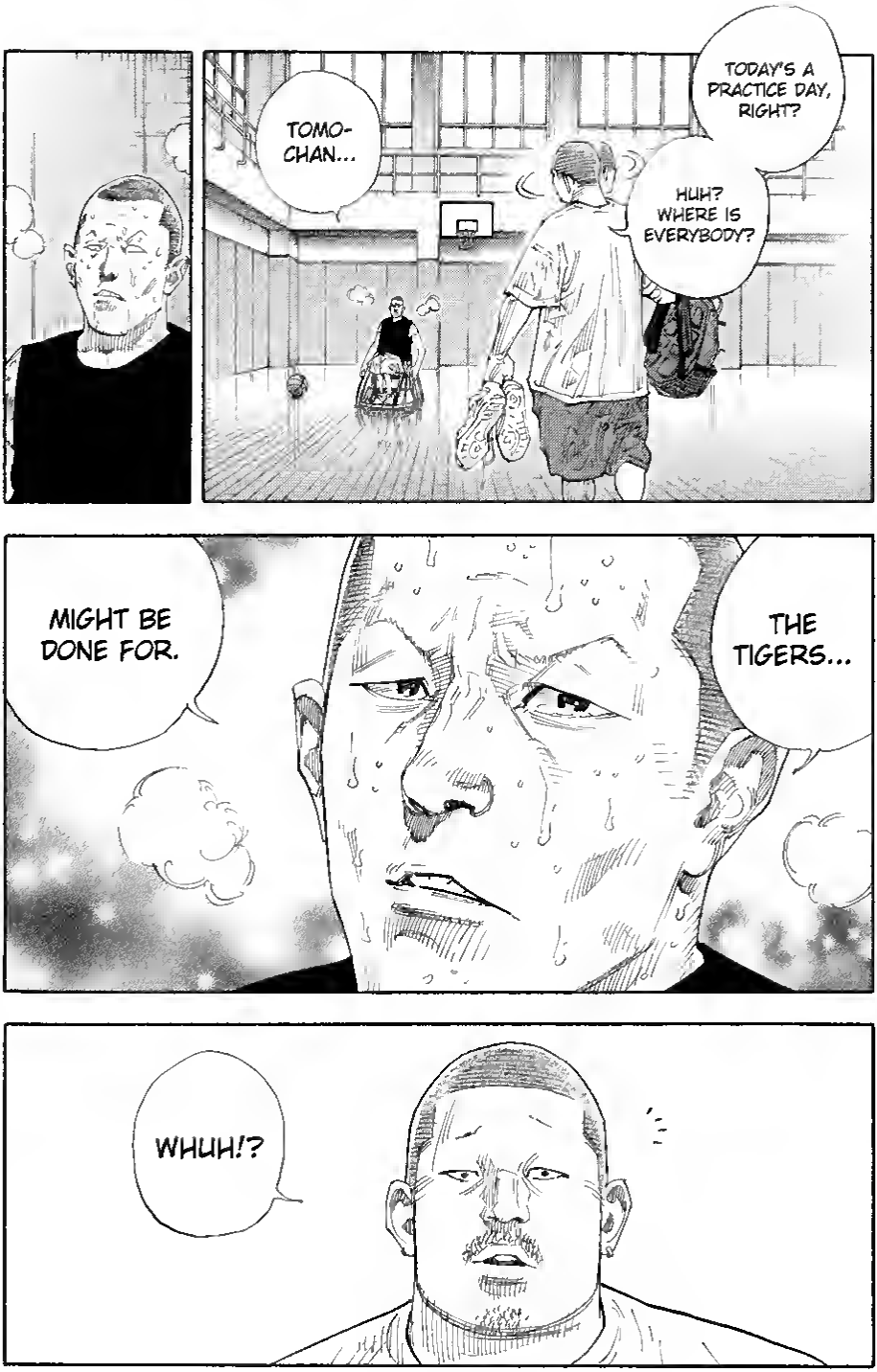


SHHH!
SHHH!
SHHH!

LET ME GET IN ON THAT!
YOU'VE GOTTEN BIGGER, HAVEN'T YA!?
I WAS THINKING ABOUT TRYING TO LOSE WEIGHT
NOT FOR FREE


HAA
HAAH
HAAH
'SUUUP!


WORKIN' HARD, AIN'CHA, RYOU!?


TOMO-CHAN...
TODAY'S A PRACTICE DAY, RIGHT?
HUH? WHERE IS EVERYBODY?
MIGHT BE DONE FOR.
THE TIGERS...
WHUH!?

REAL

Narrow eyes
Dreams
Nagai ~38 years old
The Quiet Central Pillar
Class 1
Japan Rep
With his excellent wide vision, he spiritually supports the team
He went to and graduated from the same rehab center as Takahashi

83rd.

HEY,
WHAT'D YOU JUST SAY!?
YOU'RE TAKING IT EASY OUT THERE!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO SLACK OFF ON DEFENSE!
HUH!? I AM DEFENDING!!
DO YOU HAVE ANY PROOF I'M SLACKING OFF!?
AH?
YOU'RE THE ONE LOOSENING UP!
DO YOU THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE DOING THEIR JOB RIGHT!!?
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT!?
HAVE YOU GOTTEN CONCEITED FROM WINNING THE OORURI CUP?
IF THE CAPTAIN DOES THAT, THEN GETTING IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP NEXT YEAR WILL STAY A DREAM!

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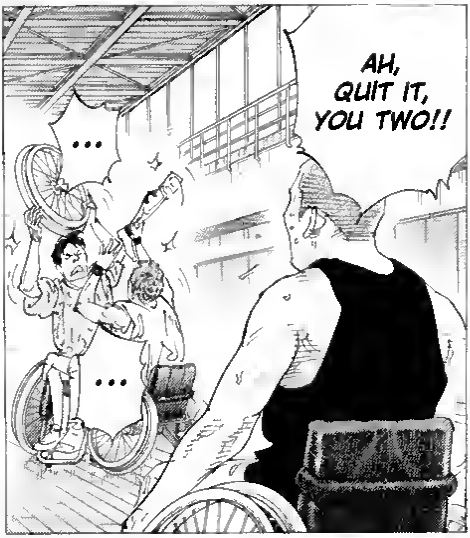
YOU'VE BEEN SIGHING NONSTOP EVER SINCE AZUMI LEFT—
GUORAA! WHO THE HELL DOES THIS BRAT THINK HE IS!!?
STOP! THAT'S MY TIRE!
YOU BASTARD!!
Y...
GOHAH!

KAKIUCHI, YOU BASTARD, IF YOU LEAVE WE'LL ONLY HAVE FOUR PEOPLE!
Hey, hold on!
SORRY, MY STOMACH HURTS, SO I'M GOING HOME.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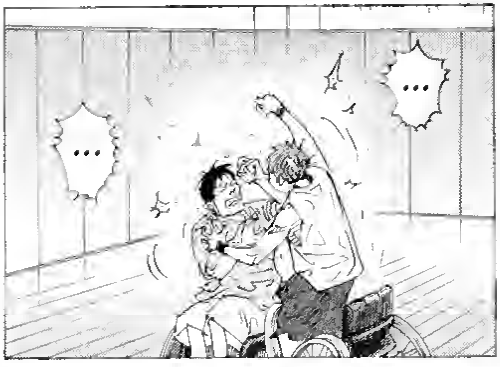
...
AH, QUIT IT, YOU TWO!!

HE HAS INFLUENZA.
AND WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO NAGANO!?

GAAAH!
HARA-SAN!?
WHAT ABOUT YONE?
BUSY WITH WORK.
HE'S HOSPITALIZED FOR BEDSORES.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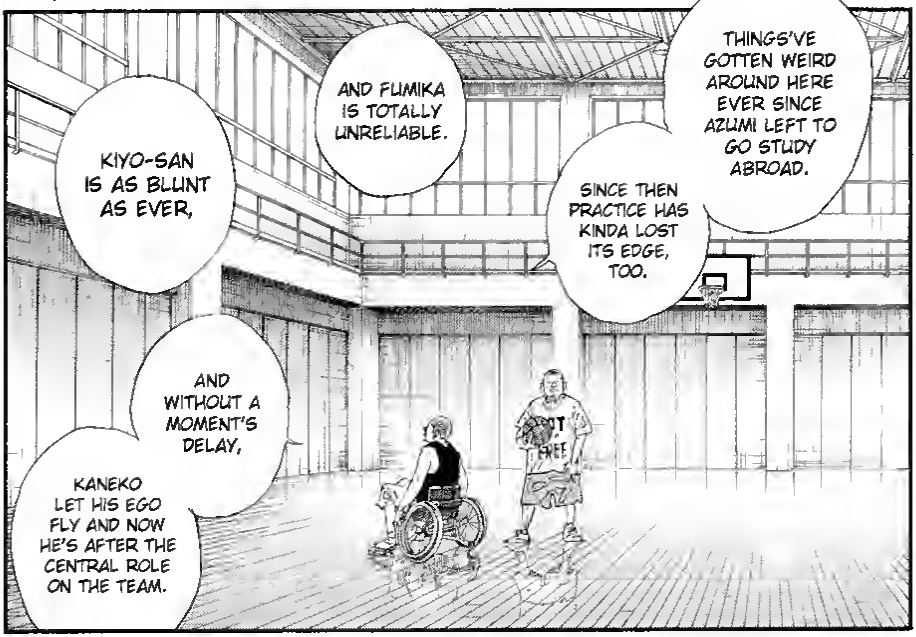
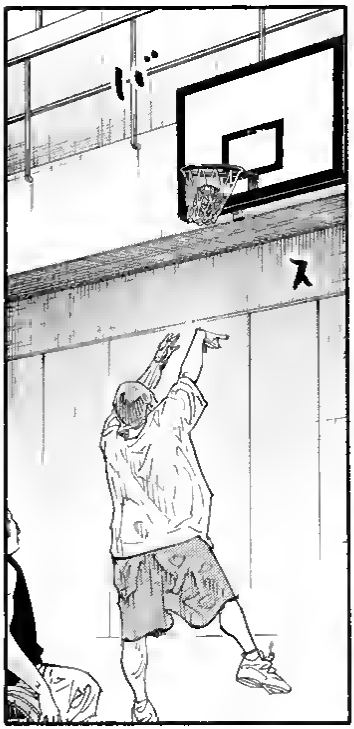
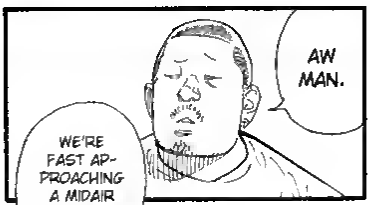
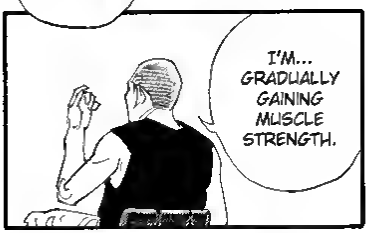
MOS BURGER
LET ME JUST CONFIRM YOUR ORDER.
A TERIYAKI BURGER WITH ONION FRIES
AND A MEDIUM PREMIUM ICE COFFEE, WILL THAT BE ALL!?
NO, A SHRIMP CUTLET BURGER AND A LARGE PREMIUM ICED TEA!
YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG!
WHERE'S THE MANAGER!?
WHERE THE HELL'S FUMIKA!!?
APPARENTLY SHE NEEDS MONEY BECAUSE HER DOG IS SICK SO,
SHE GOT A PART TIME JOB
SHE PICKED A DOG OVER THE TIGERS!!?
IF ONLY AZUMI-SAN WERE HEEERE...
NOT FOR
HAAH...


THINGS'VE GOTTEN WEIRD AROUND HERE EVER SINCE AZUMI LEFT TO GO STUDY ABROAD.
AND FUMIKA IS TOTALLY UNRELIABLE.
SINCE THEN PRACTICE HAS KINDA LOST ITS EDGE, TOO.
KIYO-SAN IS AS BLUNT AS EVER,
AND WITHOUT A MOMENT'S DELAY,
KANEKO LET HIS EGO FLY AND NOW HE'S AFTER THE CENTRAL ROLE ON THE TEAM.

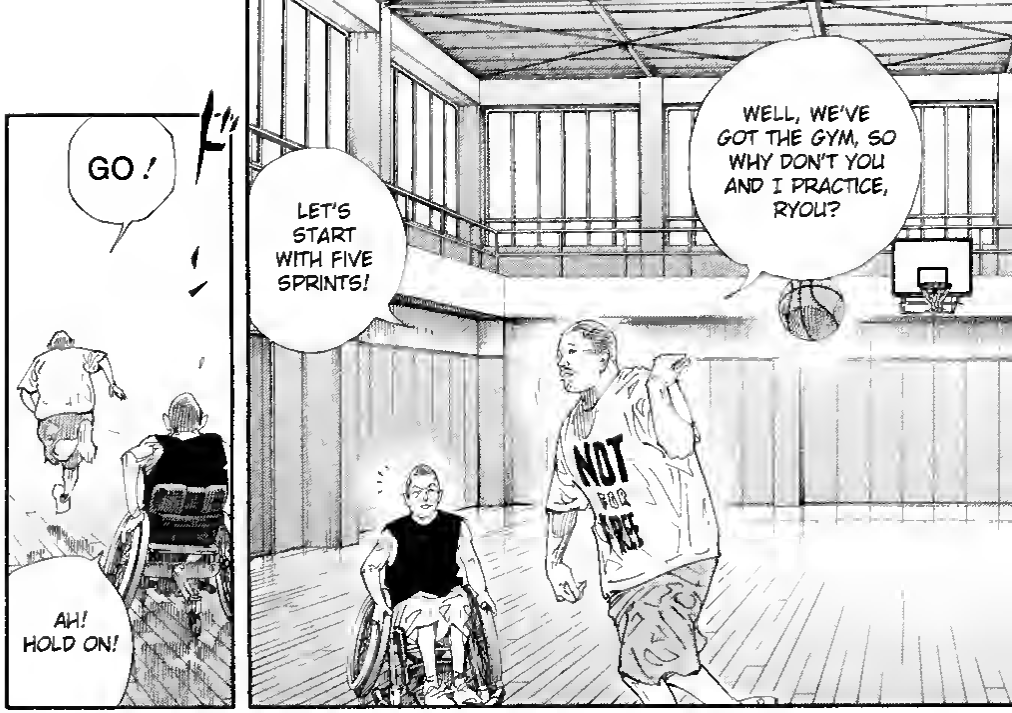


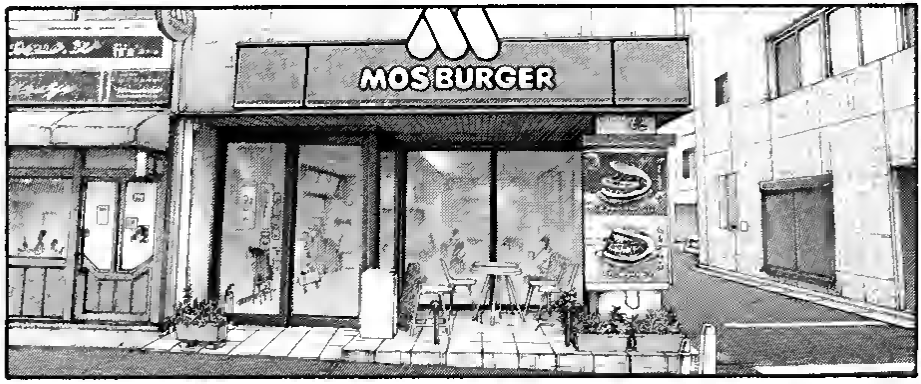
AZUMI-SAN REALLY... WAS A MAJOR SUPPORT FOR THIS TEAM.


AW MAN.
WE'RE FAST AP-PROACHING A MIDAIR BREAKUP

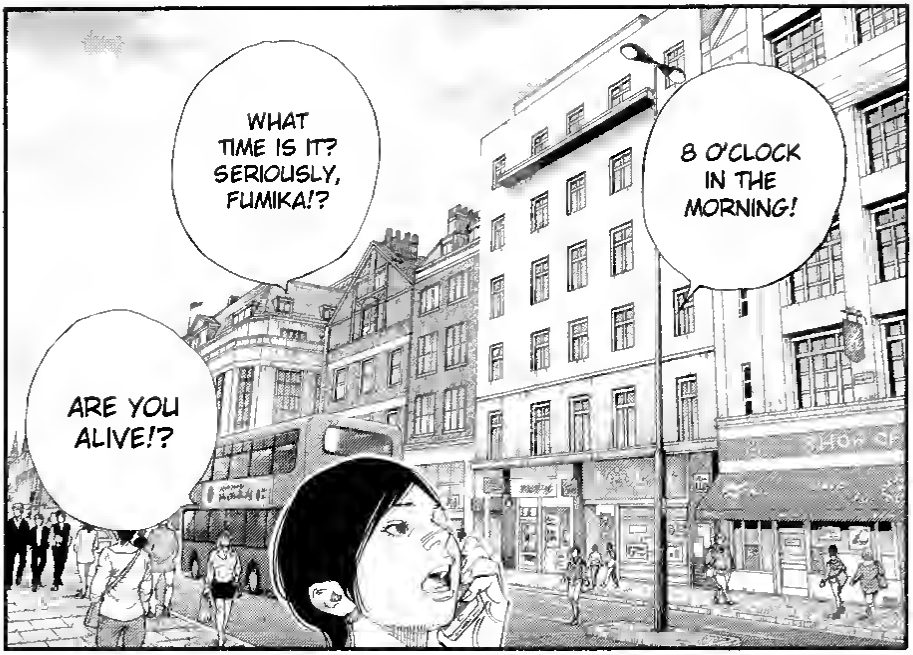

I'M... GRADUALLY GAINING MUSCLE STRENGTH.

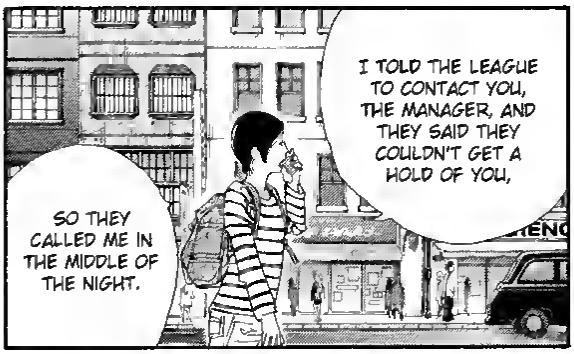
I WANNA PRACTICE,
AND GET BETTER, BUT...

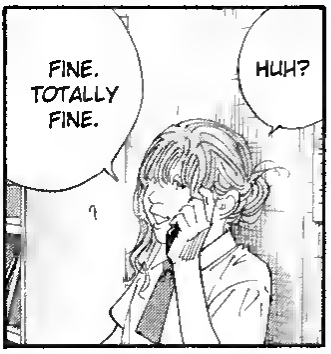

WELL, WE'VE GOT THE GYM, SO WHY DON'T YOU AND I PRACTICE, RYOU?
LET'S START WITH FIVE SPRINTS!
NOT FOR SALE
GO!
AH! HOLD ON!

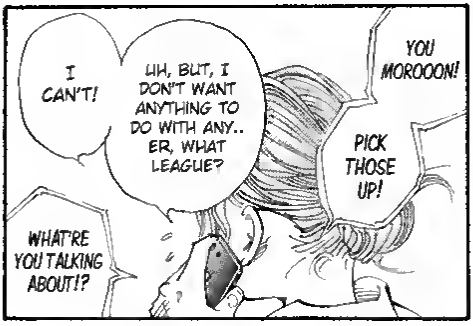

MOS BURGER

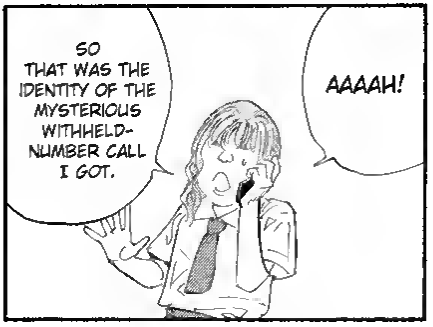
I'M TAKING MY BREAAAK!
Just after the big rush ends is my break time.
I dunno if my luck is good or bad.
~♪
AH!!
BEEP BEEP
HONK HONK
Azumi-san Mobile
IT'S AZUMI-SAN!
SO THEN, IS THIS FROM LONDON...?
COOL!
HELLOOOO!
WHAT TIME IS IT THEEEEERE?

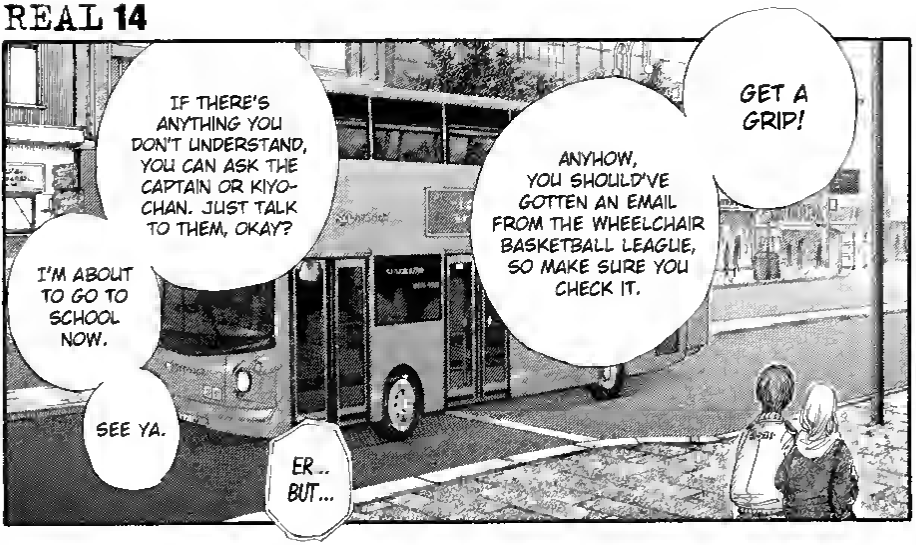

WHAT TIME IS IT? SERIOUSLY, FUMIKA!?
8 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING!
ARE YOU ALIVE!?

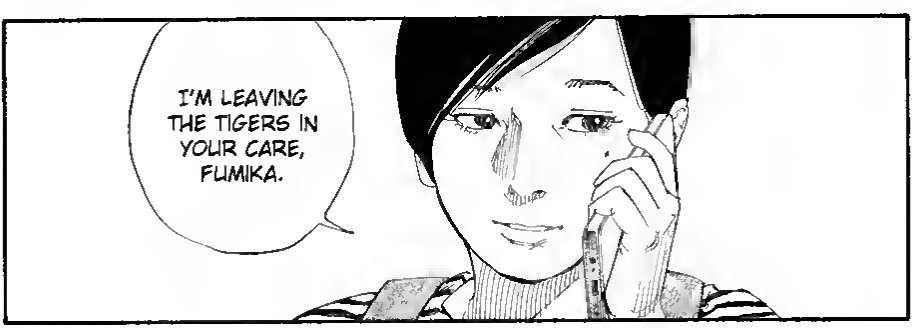

I TOLD THE LEAGUE TO CONTACT YOU, THE MANAGER, AND THEY SAID THEY COULDN'T GET A HOLD OF YOU,
SO THEY CALLED ME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.


FINE. TOTALLY FINE.
HUH?

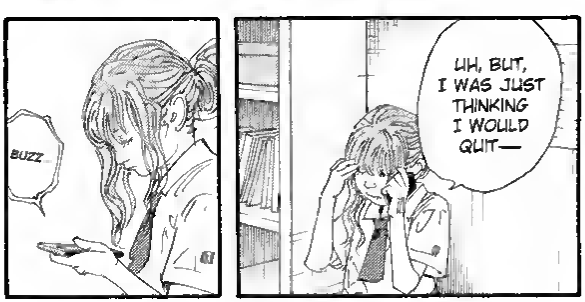

I CAN'T!
UH, BUT, I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH ANY.. ER, WHAT LEAGUE?
YOU MOROOON!
PICK THOSE UP!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?


SO THAT WAS THE IDENTITY OF THE MYSTERIOUS WITHHELD-NUMBER CALL I GOT.
AAAAH!

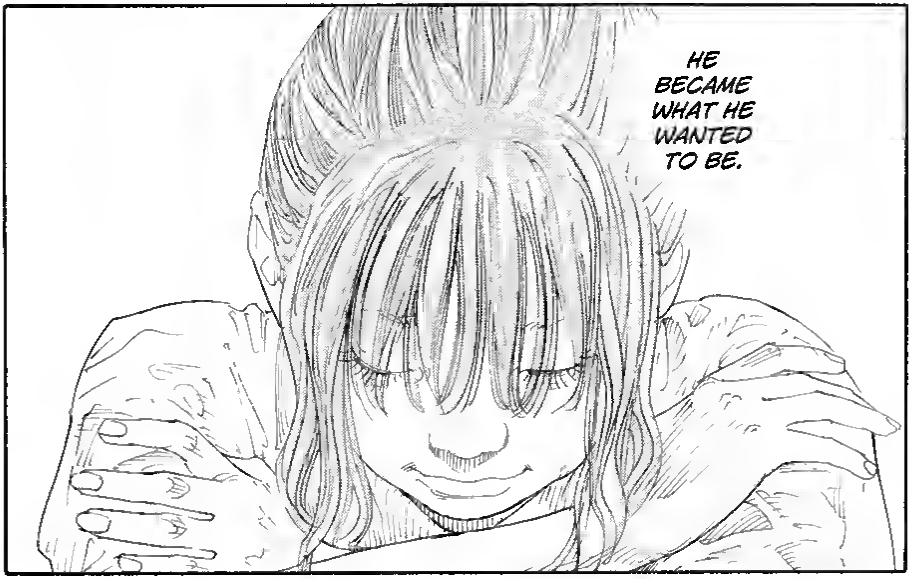

GET A GRIP!
ANYHOW, YOU SHOULD'VE GOTTEN AN EMAIL FROM THE WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL LEAGUE, SO MAKE SURE YOU CHECK IT.
IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, YOU CAN ASK THE CAPTAIN OR KIYO-CHAN. JUST TALK TO THEM, OKAY?
I'M ABOUT TO GO TO SCHOOL NOW.
SEE YA.
ER... BUT...



AND TAKAHASHI



I DIDN'T EVEN GET A CHANCE TO INVITE HIM.
ALREADY STARTED PLAYING BASKETBALL.
Though it's for a different team
I GUESS BASKETBALL IS WHAT MAKES TAKAHASHI FEEL GOOD, RIGHT?
THAT'S GOOD.
BUT I'M SURE IT'S GOOD FOR HIM.
THAT'S WHY I WANT HIM TO TOUCH A BALL AGAIN.
I GUESS THAT'S TRUE,
Huh?
It's not that simple.


HE BECAME WHAT HE WANTED TO BE.

THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO BE AROUND ANYMORE, IS THERE?

EHEEH.

FUMIKA-CHAN, YOU'RE GOING PAST YOUR BREAK TIME.
AH, I'M SORRY! COMING!

IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE YOU'VE JOINED THE TEAM—
SO STARTING TODAY, YOU'LL BE JOINING THE MAIN TEAM'S PRACTICE, TAKAHASHI!
NO...
IT'S STILL TOO EARLY.
YOU DID GOOD MAKING IT THIS FAR ON THAT DULL BASIC TRAINING
STARTING TODAY, YOU CAN JOIN INTO THE GAMES.
NICE, HUH?
HUH!?
HEY, AIN'T YOU HAPPY ABOUT THIS?

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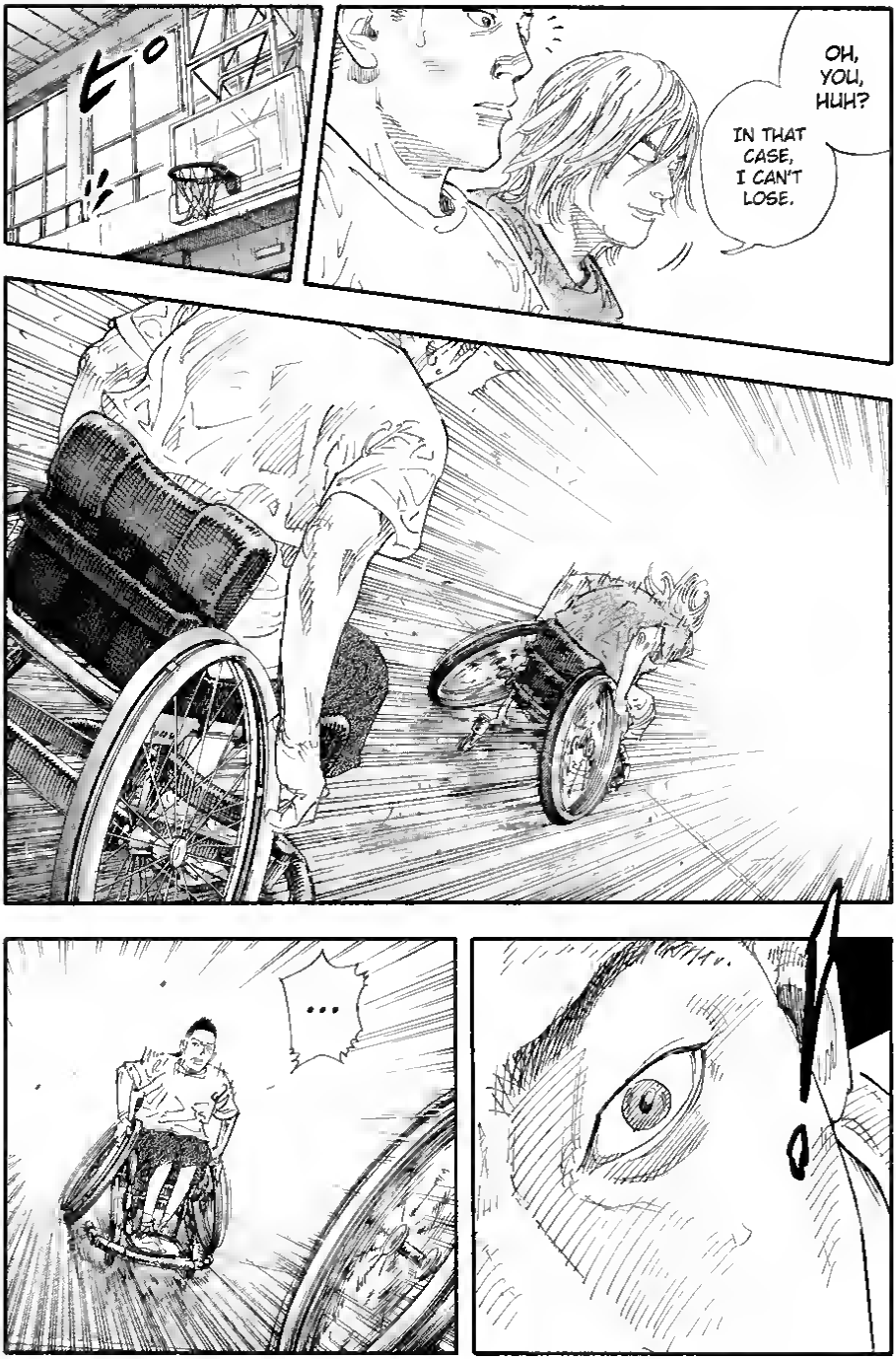
OUH!
HEY!
FIVE SPRINTS!!
REALBALL
DORAH!
ALL RIGHT!!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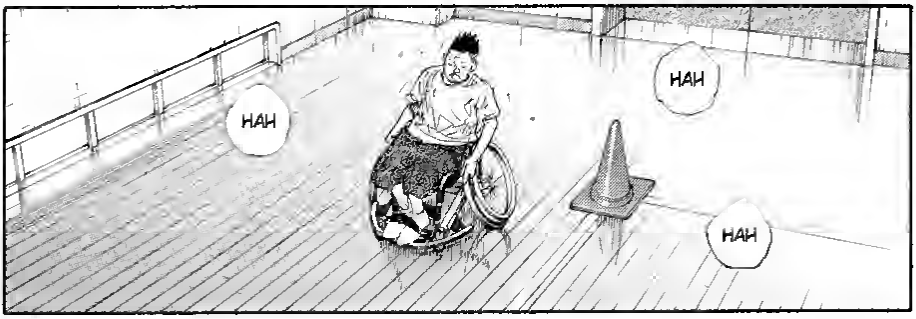
OH, YOU, HUH?
IN THAT CASE, I CAN'T LOSE.
...

NEXT, TEN LAPS, GO!
OKAY!
OOUH!
HEY, DON'T CHEAT!
YOU GOTTA GO AROUND THE CONES!!
OUH!

OOUH!
KEEP IT UUUUP!
HAH
HAH
HAH
YEAH, YEAH, CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE SLOW CHAIR!
HYAHA!
I WONDER HOW MANY TIMES I'VE LAPPED YOU NOW?
HAH
KEEP GOING! HANG IN THERE!

KEEP IT UP!
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
C'MON, YOU CAN FINISH IT!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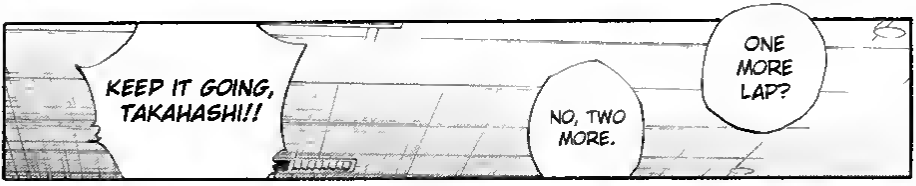
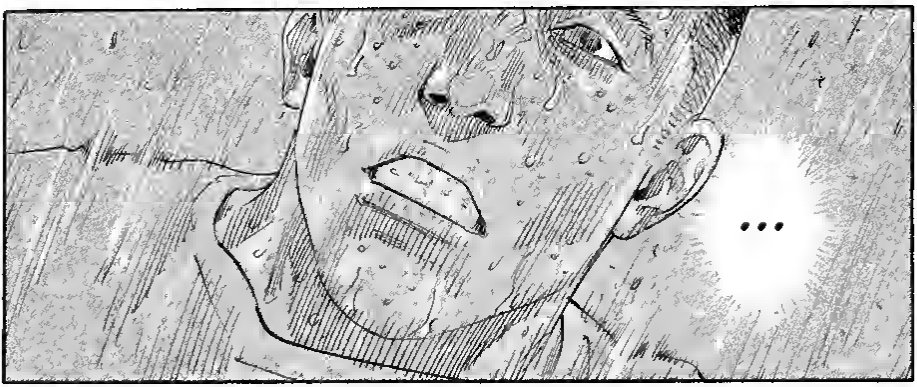

KEEP IT GOING, TAKAHASHI!!
NO, TWO MORE.
ONE MORE LAP?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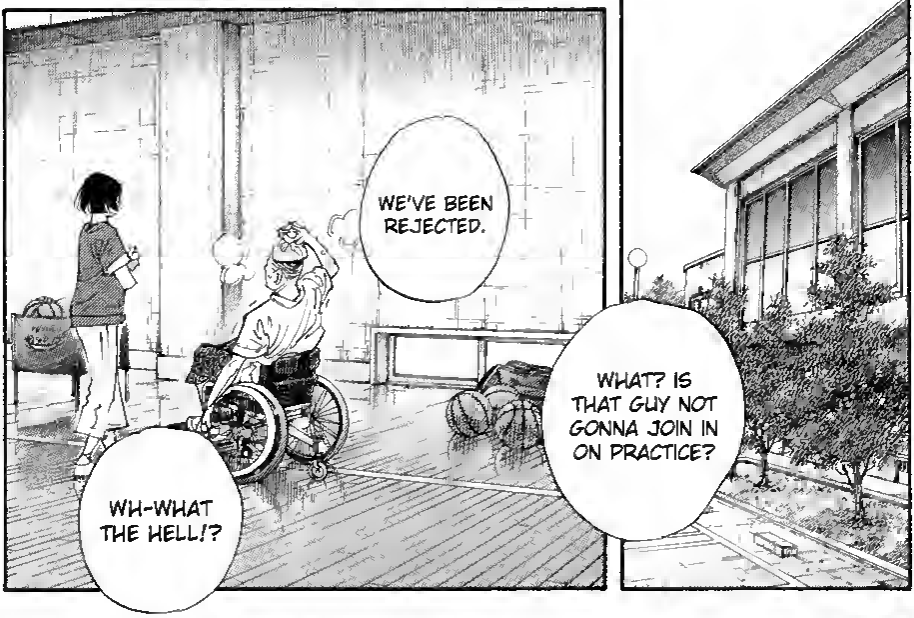
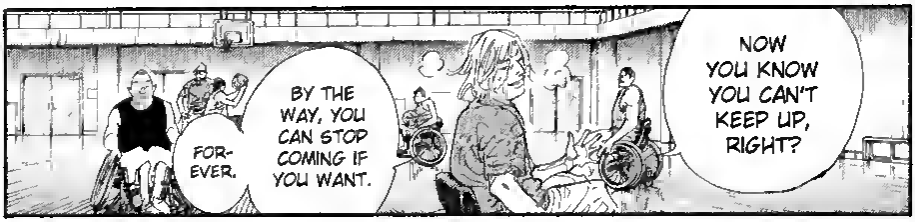
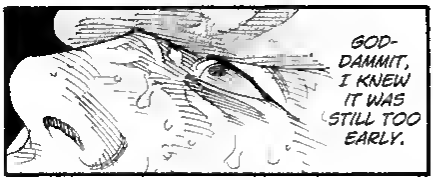
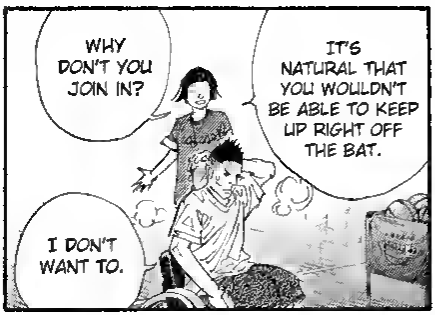
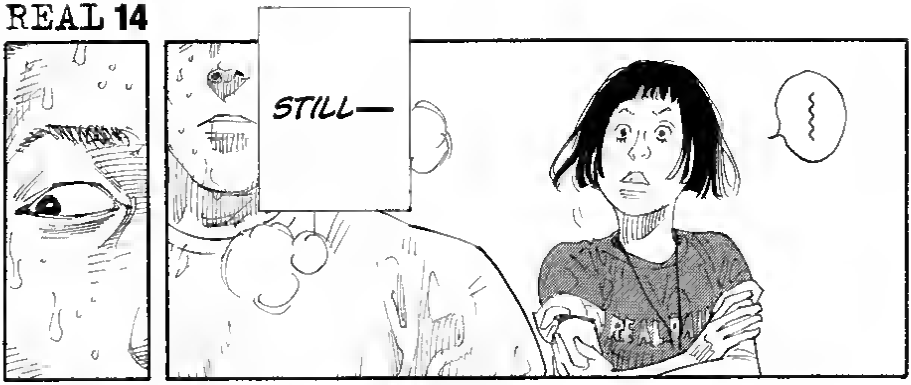

WE'VE BEEN REJECTED.
WHAT? IS THAT GUY NOT GONNA JOIN IN ON PRACTICE?
WH-WHAT THE HELL!?

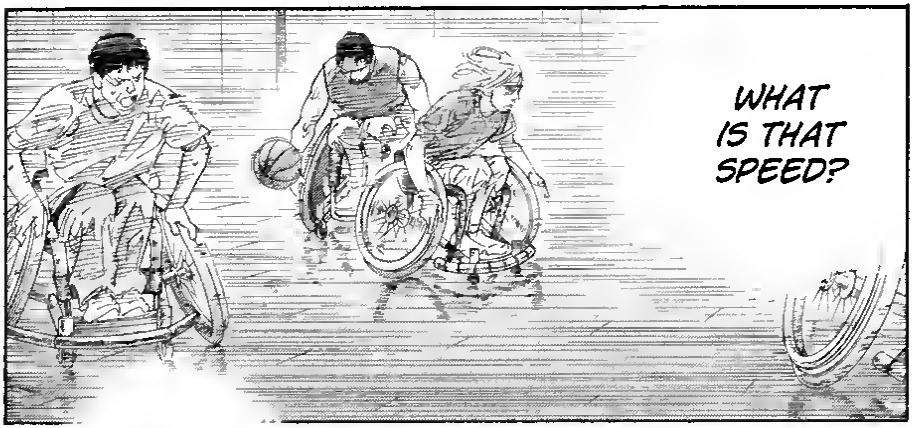

NOW YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T KEEP UP, RIGHT?
BY THE WAY, YOU CAN STOP COMING IF YOU WANT.
FOR-EVER.

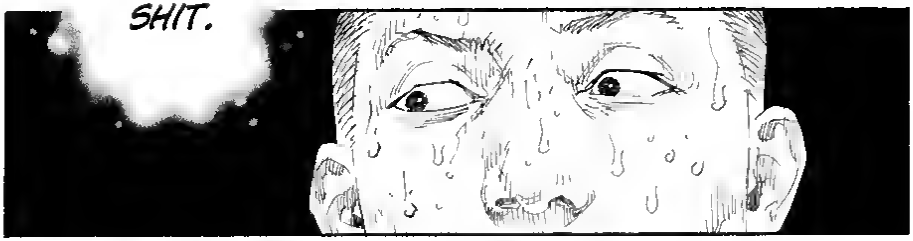

GOD-DAMMIT, I KNEW IT WAS STILL TOO EARLY.

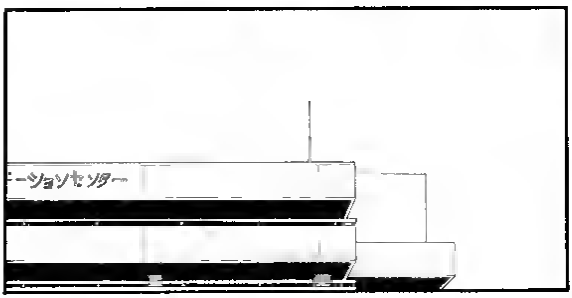
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAAH

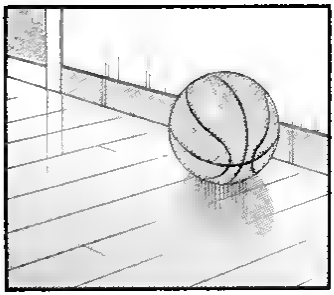

WHY DON'T YOU JOIN IN?
IT'S NATURAL THAT YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO KEEP UP RIGHT OFF THE BAT.
I DON'T WANT TO.


STILL—
REAL


WHAT IS THAT SPEED?


SHIT.



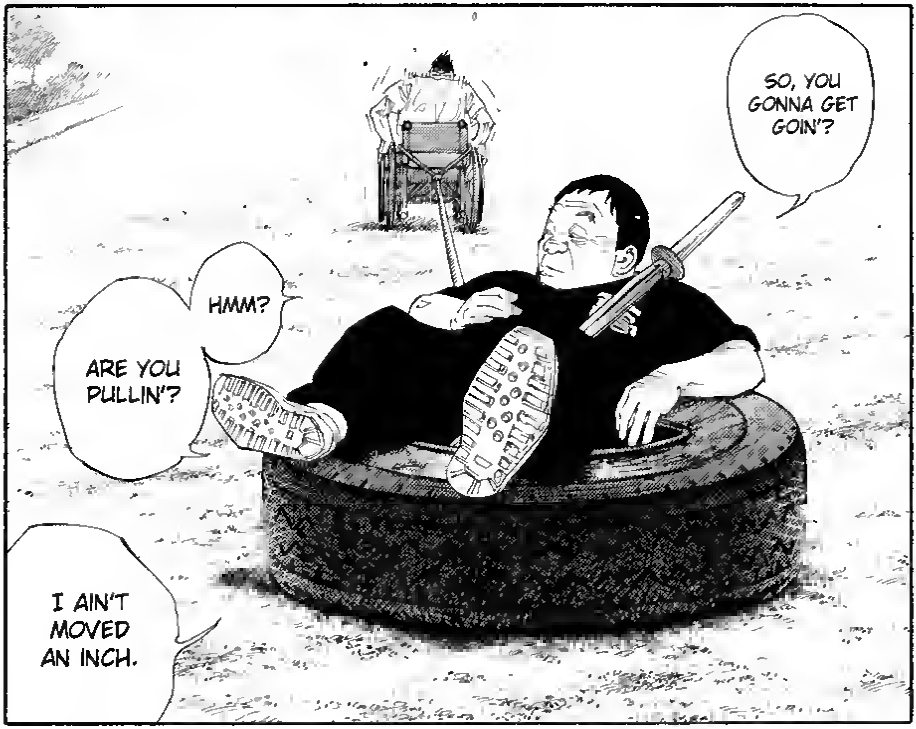


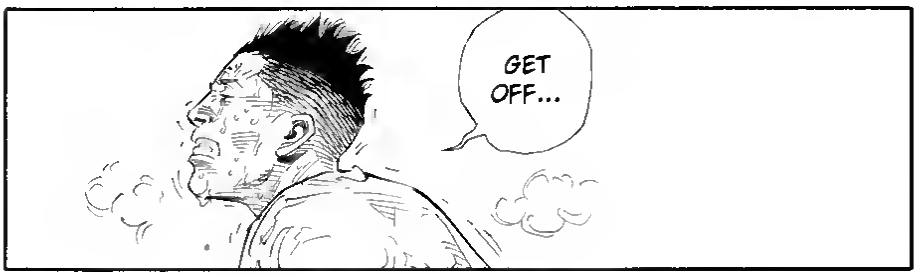
CAN'TCHA DO THIS RIGHT!?
DON'T YOU BASTARDS HAVE BALLS!?
HM?
my balls
I don't have
HARDER!
Hmm!
YEAH, PUSH, PUSH!
STOP!
...
I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO COME TO GYM TODAY.

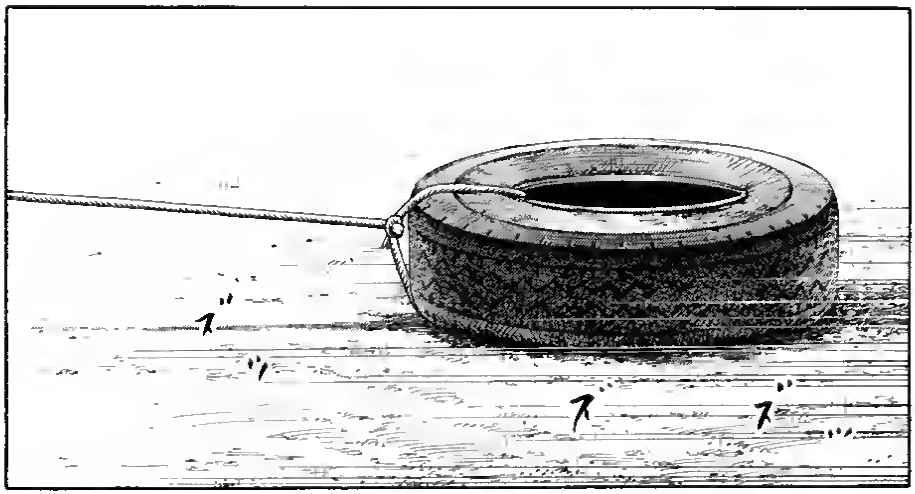
IS THERE ANY SORTA TRAINING THAT'LL INCREASE YOUR SPEED?
...
...
I HEARD YOU WERE GOING TO NAGAI'S GROUP.
THE DREAMERS
DREAMS.
YOU STICKIN' WITH 'EM?

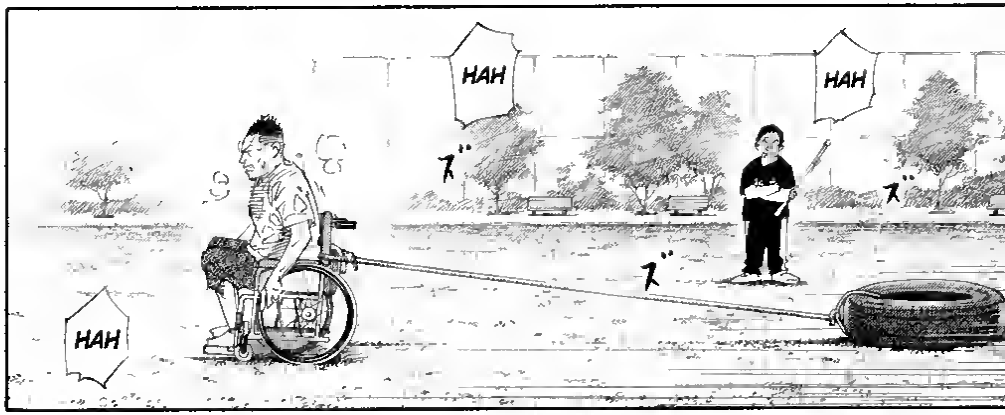
CAN'TCHA DO THIS RIGHT!?
DON'T YOU ASSHOLES HAVE BALLS, YOU BAS-TARDS!?
SLOW!
IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT, YOU TRANNY BASTARDS!?
KAAH! SLOOW!
I'LL JOIN IN, TOO.
I SEE. THIS IS SOME NICE TRAINING.
GUH!
SHIT!

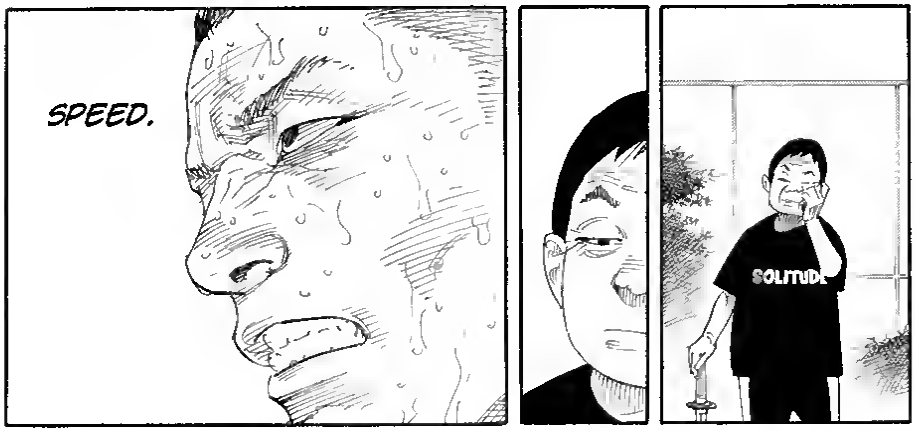
TAKAHASHI-KUN IS QUITE THE SPORTSMAN, ISN'T HE?
HIIIH!
IS IT BECAUSE HE GOT THAT SPORTS CUT?

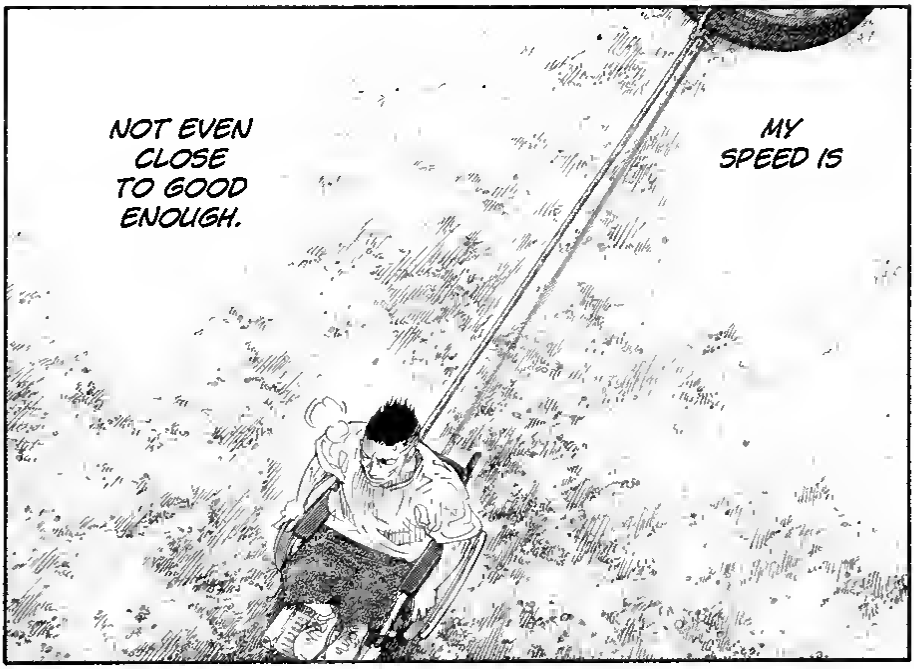

SO, YOU GONNA GET GOIN'?
HMM?
ARE YOU PULLIN'?
I AIN'T MOVED AN INCH.

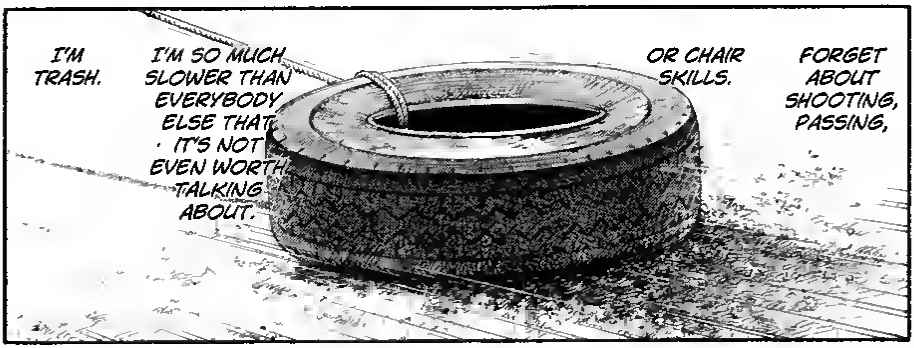

GET OFF...

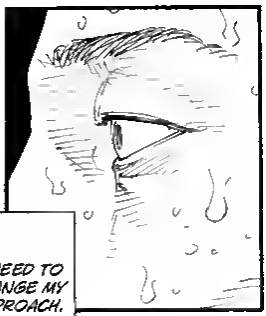


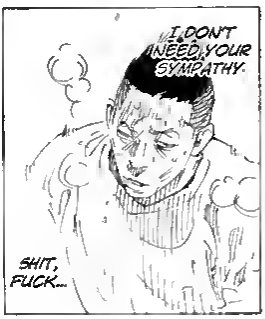

HAH
HAH
HAH


SPEED.
SOLITUDE


NOT EVEN CLOSE TO GOOD ENOUGH.
MY SPEED IS


I'M TRASH.
I'M SO MUCH SLOWER THAN EVERYBODY ELSE THAT IT'S NOT EVEN WORTH TALKING ABOUT.
OR CHAIR SKILLS.
FORGET ABOUT SHOOTING, PASSING,


I NEED TO CHANGE MY APPROACH.


I DON'T NEED YOUR SYMPATHY.
SHIT, FUCK...

KEEP IT UP, TAKAHASHI!
KEEP GOING!

OTHER-WISE, I'LL STAY SHIT.
I NEED TO GET FASTER.
...!!
LAST, IS THIS.
THE DEVIL'S HILL—
TWO HOURS EVERY DAY.

HAS DONE IT.
ONLY ONE GUY
KUKUKU.
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DO THAT!
TWO HOURS!?
AND THAT WAS NAGAI.
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—
Dreams
I
o

MAN, IT'S BEEN SOOO LONG
SINCE WE WERE ALL HERE.
YOU'RE NOT GONNA HAVE THAT PROBLEM FROM BEFORE ON A SUNDAY.
WE'VE GOT A GOOD GROUP TO-GETHER.
YOU MUST BE GLAD, RYOU.
I GOT THIS EMAIL KIND OF A WHILE AGO, BUT...
I DON'T TOTALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS.
?
UMM, I'VE GOT AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE.

!?
...
UH!?
HUH? ISN'T THAT FROM THE LEAGUE?
LEMME SEE THAT.
TWO WEEKS AGO? NO WAY! GEEZ...
OPEN IT!!
CAN'T YOU OPEN IT?
THEY MEAN AN ATTACH-MENT!!
I'm sorryyy!
...
LIKE, I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT A TEMP FILE IS.
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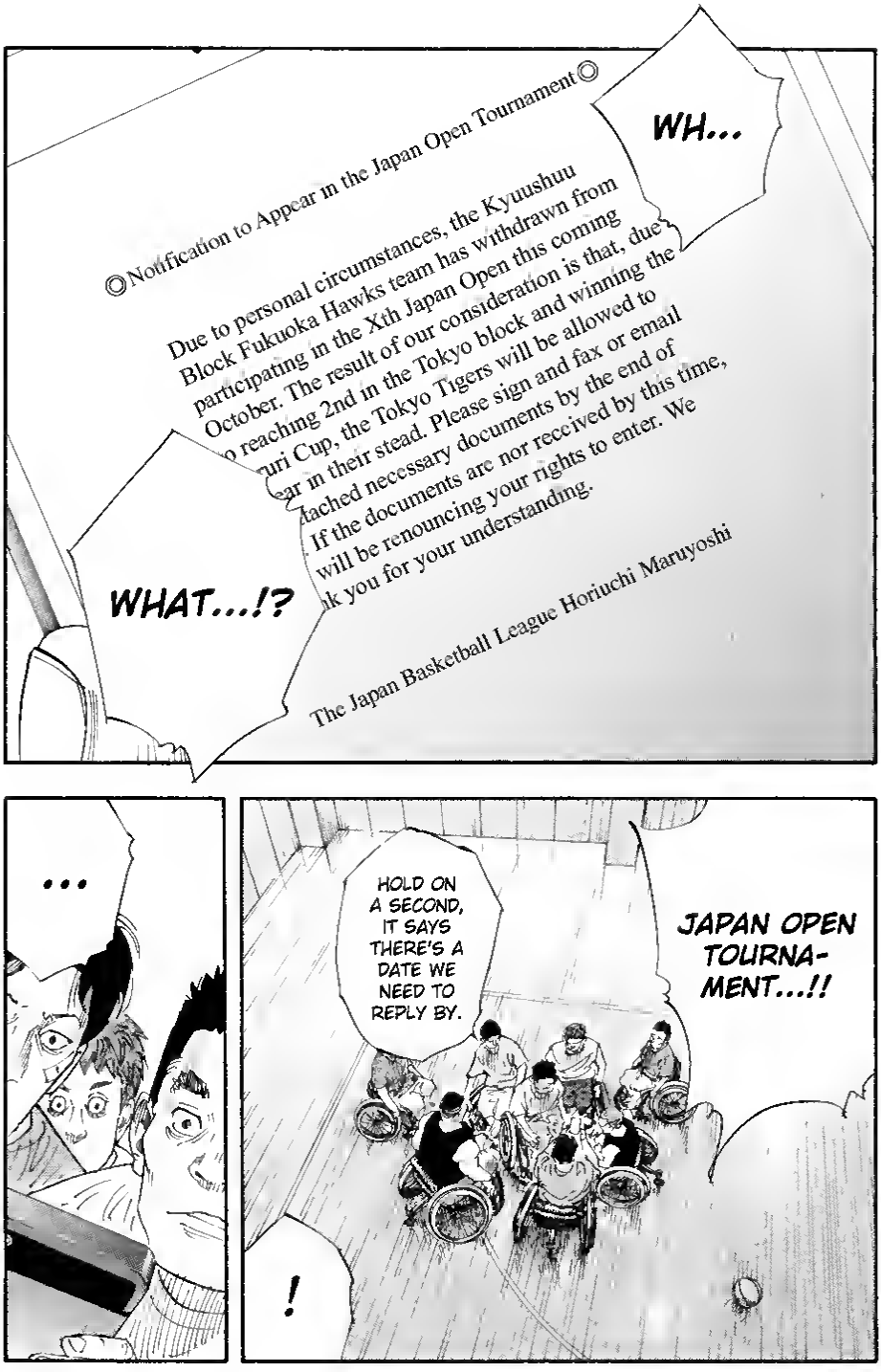
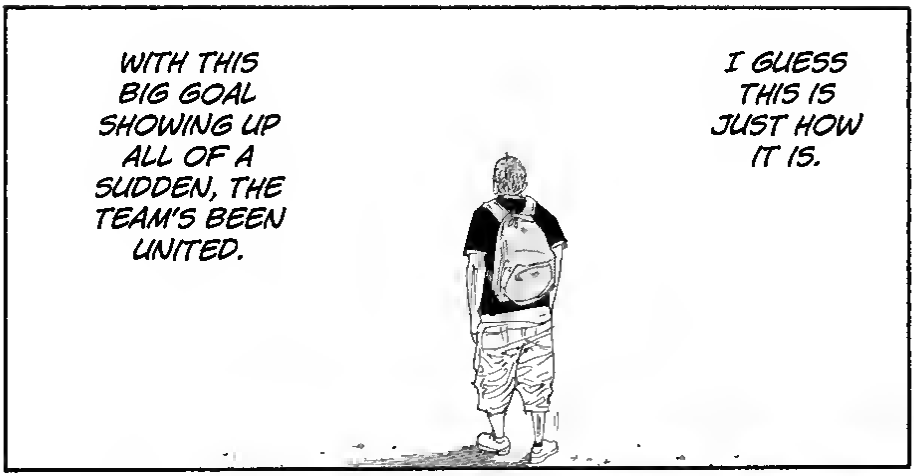
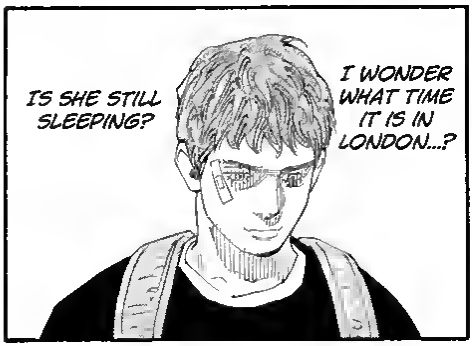
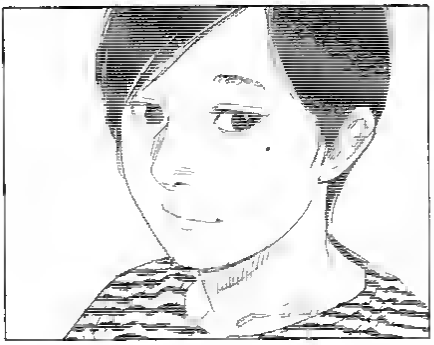
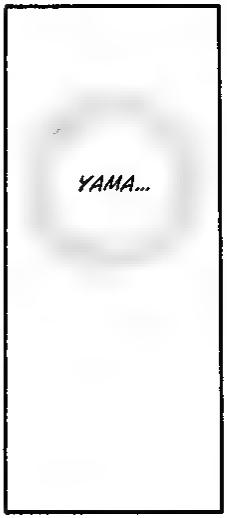

◎Notification to Appear in the Japan Open Tournament◎
Due to personal circumstances, the Kyuushuu Block Fukuoka Hawks team has withdrawn from participating in the Xth Japan Open this coming October. The result of our consideration is that, due to reaching 2nd in the Tokyo block and winning the Kanto Cup, the Tokyo Tigers will be allowed to appear in their stead. Please sign and fax or email the attached necessary documents by the end of . If the documents are nor received by this time, will be renouncing your rights to enter. We nk you for your understanding.
The Japan Basketball League Horiuchi Maruyoshi
WH...
WHAT...!?
...
HOLD ON A SECOND, IT SAYS THERE'S A DATE WE NEED TO REPLY BY.
JAPAN OPEN TOURNA-MENT...!!
!

THAT'S TODAY, AIN'T IT!?
TELL THEM WE'RE IN, YOU FREAKIN' IDIOT!!
RIGHT NOW!!
Play For All or Nothing
車椅子バスケットボールクラブ
WHEEL CHAIR BASKETBALL CLUB
東京タイガース
Tokyo Tigers
ONE!
TWO!
THREE!
TIGEEE EERS!!


WITH THIS BIG GOAL SHOWING UP ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE TEAM'S BEEN UNITED.
I GUESS THIS IS JUST HOW IT IS.


IS SHE STILL SLEEPING?
I WONDER WHAT TIME IT IS IN LONDON...?

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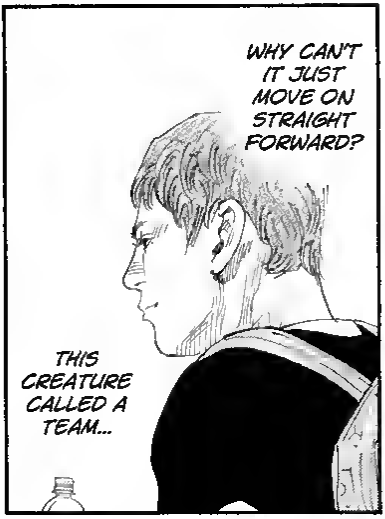
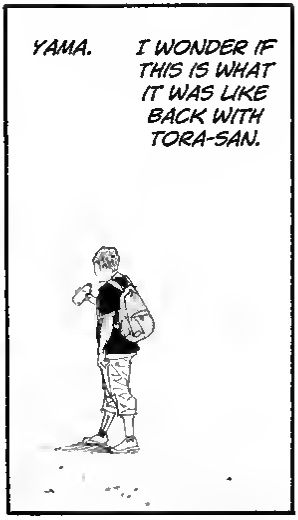
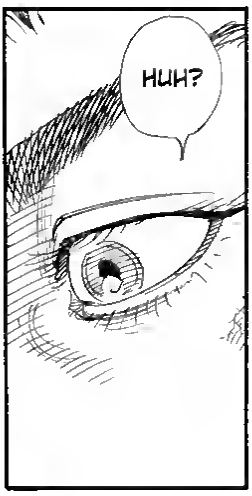
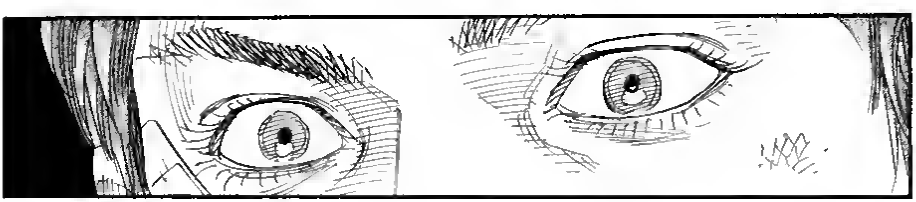
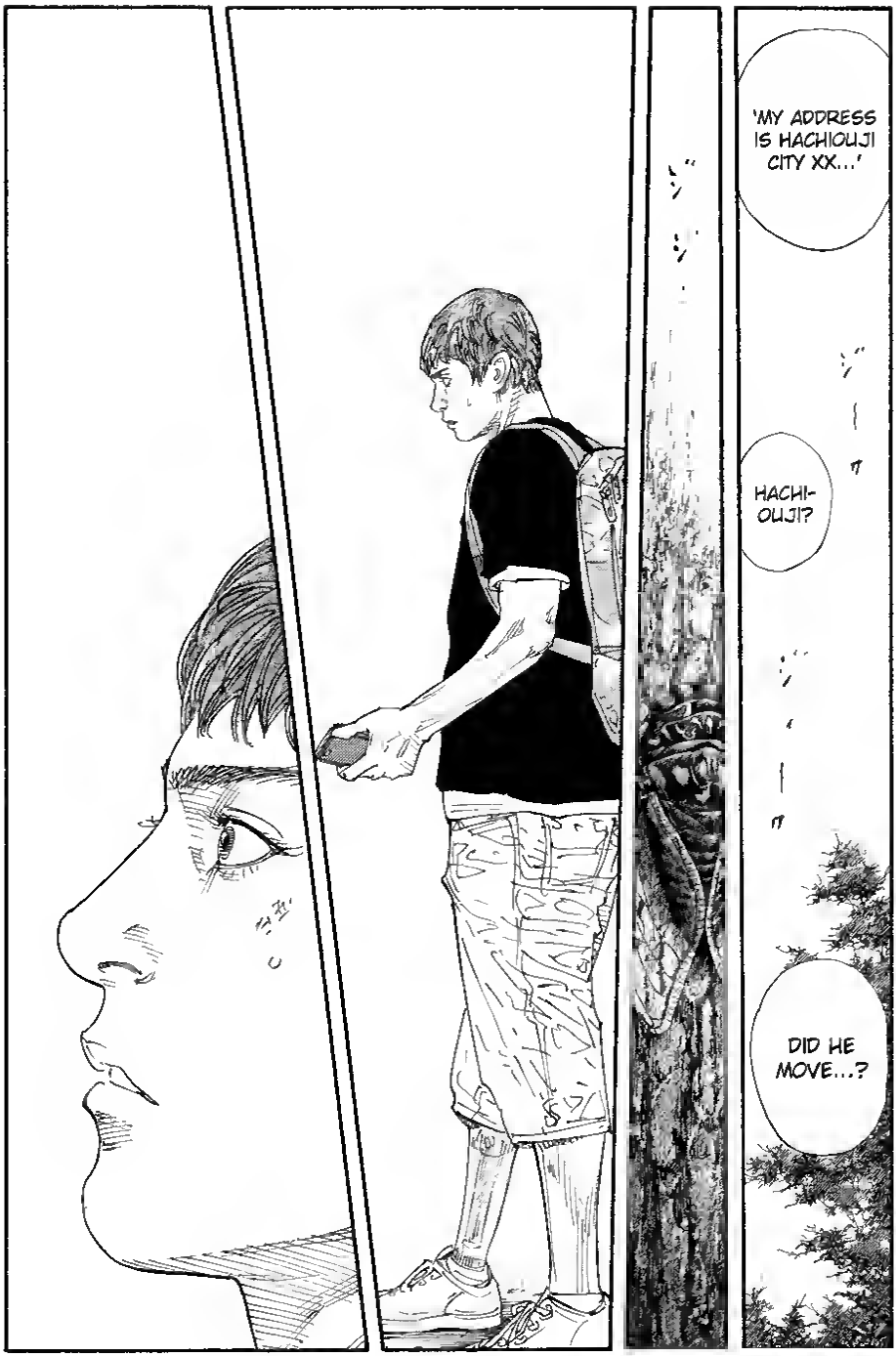

WHY CAN'T IT JUST MOVE ON STRAIGHT FORWARD?
THIS CREATURE CALLED A TEAM...


YAMA.
I WONDER IF THIS IS WHAT IT WAS LIKE BACK WITH TORA-SAN.

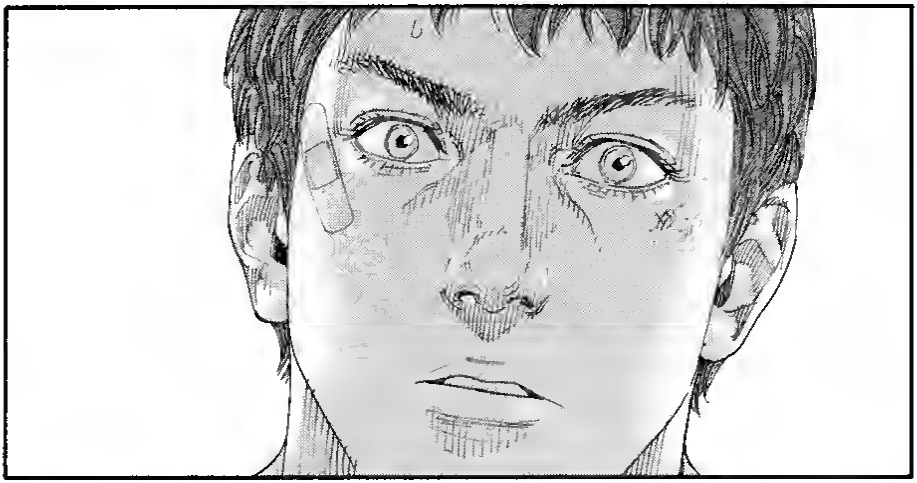


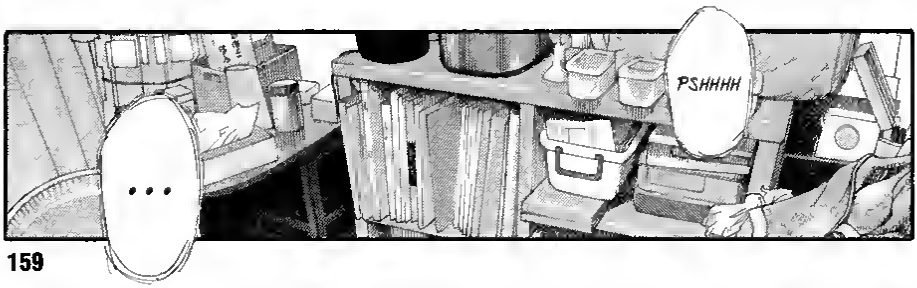
I want to talk.




'MY ADDRESS IS HACHIOUJI CITY XX...'
HACHI-OUJI?
DID HE MOVE...?

THIS IS IT.




PSHHHH
...

PSHHHH
...
PSHHHH
YAMA...

REAL

REAL

84th.

WELL, TWO PEOPLE AREN'T HERE, BUT FOR NOW—
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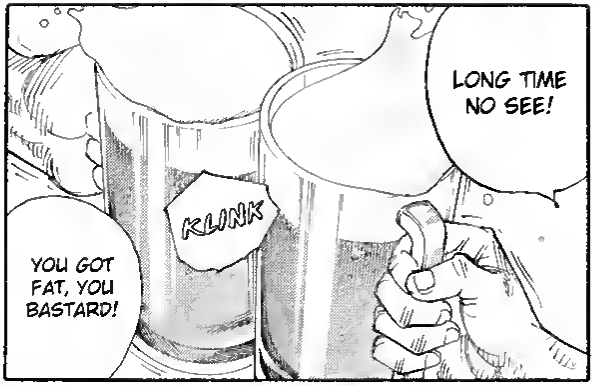
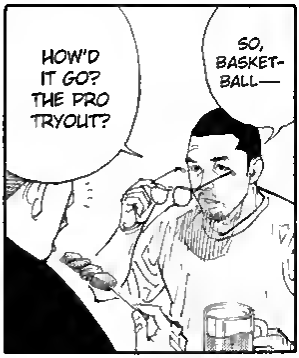
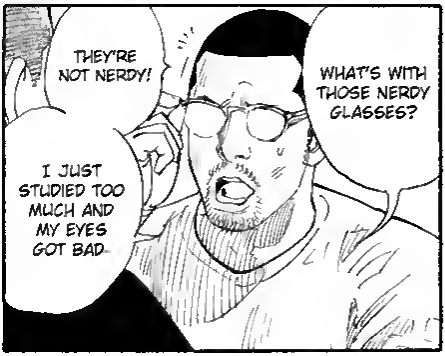
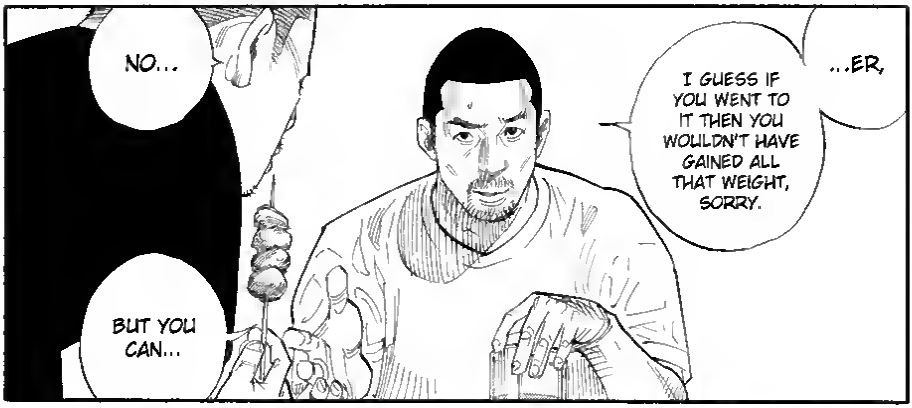
きんのじ

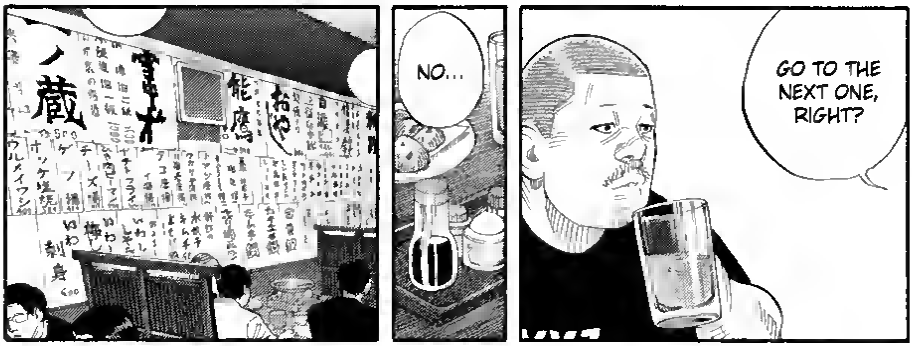
NO, NO. I LOST WEIGHT! I'M ALREADY THREE KILOS DOWN FROM MY PEAK!
WHAT ABOUT YOU, OOTA-KUN?


LONG TIME NO SEE!
KLINK
YOU GOT FAT, YOU BASTARD!


HOW'D IT GO? THE PRO TRYOUT?
SO, BASKET-BALL—


THEY'RE NOT NERDY!
WHAT'S WITH THOSE NERDY GLASSES?
I JUST STUDIED TOO MUCH AND MY EYES GOT BAD-


NO...
BUT YOU CAN...
I GUESS IF YOU WENT TO IT THEN YOU WOULDN'T HAVE GAINED ALL THAT WEIGHT, SORRY.
...ER,


NO...
GO TO THE NEXT ONE, RIGHT?

WOULD IT BE OKAY IF I WENT TO THE GYM YOU GO TO, OOTA-KUN? THE MARTIAL ARTS ONE.
I'VE GOTTA GET MY BODY MOVING.
...
...
I SEE...
SO YOU GAVE UP, HUH? ON BASKET-BALL...

EXPLAINING IT'S KIND OF A PAIN SO I JUST SAY AGE WAS THE REASON WHEN PEOPLE ASK, BUT REALLY...
EVEN IF I PUSHED PAST PEOPLE, MY DESIRE TO BECOME NUMBER ONE
SORT OF DISAPPEARED...
I RETIRED, TOO.
BEING A PRO WAS IMPOSSIBLE IN THE FIRST PLACE,
BUT I DON'T EVEN GO TO THE GYM ANYMORE.
...
I DON'T THINK I WAS SUITED TO IT.
I DID IT FOR SEVEN YEARS, BUT...
FINDING WHAT MY OPPONENTS DIDN'T WANT AND THEN MAKING THAT HAPPEN IS WHAT MARTIAL ARTS IS ABOUT.
三の字
さんのじ
I WANT TO DO THINGS THAT PEOPLE *DO* WANT TO HAPPEN.

TO DO SOMETHING THAT SERVES A PURPOSE TO PEOPLE...
SO NOW I'M DOING A CARE-GIVING JOB.
HOH.
I'VE GOT CONFIDENCE IN MY STAMINA, YOU KNOW.
YOU THINK SO?
LATER ON I'D LIKE TO BE A CHIROPRACTOR, SO I'M STUDYING FOR THAT.
HEH... YOU'RE REALLY GETTING SERIOUS, AREN'T YOU, OOTA-KUN?
IN MY OWN WAY, I WAS STUDYING THE BODY AS A MARTIAL ARTIST, TOO.
NOMIYA,

I THOUGHT, OH, SO THIS IS HOW MY PATH WAS GOING TO BE CONNECTED.
WHEN I FIRST RETIRED,
IT FELT LIKE THE PATH AHEAD OF ME LOOKED HAZY.
BUT GETTING THIS FAR WASN'T A WASTE.
FOR FREE.
HOOK ME UP WITH A THERAPY SESSION NEXT TIME, OOTA-KUN.
YEAH, OF COURSE.

メゾン・ナコ
PSHHHH
YAMA—
PSHHH

BUZZ
PSHHHH
I'M HIS HELPER, OOTA.
AH...
I'M HIS FRIEND,
TOGAWA
PSHHHH
TOO HOT IN HERE?
PSHHHHH

YAMA.
!
AH,
OKAY.
HE COMPLAINS ABOUT THE COLD EVEN IN MIDSUMMER, SO WE CAN'T PUT THE AC ON...
IS HE NOT ABLE TO TALK ANYMORE?
I'VE GOT A LOT OF STUFF TO REPORT.
PSHHHH
SO WHY'D HE SAY 'I WANT TO TALK'...?
MAN, WHERE DO I START...
AH, WELL, WE WON THE OORURI CUP.
AND THEN—
KANEGON BECAME CAPTAIN. DID I TELL YOU THAT?
IT REALLY SUCKS.

HOW 'BOUT WE SIT DOWN?
PLEASE, OOTA-SAN.
PSHHH
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, KIYOHARU.
WHAT? YOU CAN TALK!?
REGGAE.
A BIG REGGAE FAN AS EVER, HUH, YAMA?
IT WAS SUMMER BACK THEN, TOO.
YEAH.

I STARTED TRIPPING A LOT EVEN WHEN THERE WAS NOTHING THERE
GOD THAT HURTS...
AND PEOPLE WOULD STARE AT THE WEIRD WAY I WALKED
IT BECAME DIFFICULT JUST TO STAND UP

Ward Library
MY BODY WAS ODD.
I KNEW IT WAS DIFFERENT FROM MOST PEOPLE'S.
BUT STILL, THIS WAS—
life in a wheelchair
from ages 20 to 25
ath by respiratory fai
ype muscular distrophy
walking with undulatio
prone to falling, stairs
decreased muscle
Taniha Hospital

COULD YOU DO A LITTLE WALKING FOR ME?
HUH...?
Well...
HOW LONG HAS THIS BEEN GOING ON?
SINCE I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD. I COULD MANAGE IT, BUT...
RECENTLY IT'S GOTTEN BAD.
...
...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THIS DOCTOR'S SEEN IT.
THIS ILLNESS.
YES, THIS IS RARE.

THIS IS MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY. I'M QUITE CERTAIN OF IT.
WHAT?
I'M NOT A RARE SPECIMEN.
WHAT?

THE SKY LOOKED LIKE IT WAS PITCH BLACK TO ME.
WHEN I CAME TO MY SENSES, I'D TRIPPED AGAIN OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL.
SHHH
I'D LOOKED IT UP, SO I HAD SOME IDEA ABOUT IT, BUT...
I WAS PROBABLY MAKING A FACE LIKE A DEMON OR SOMETHING.
WHY?
...!
ARE YOU OKAY?
...

WHY DID I...
WHY?
♪

I HEARD THIS CARE-FREE MUSIC
'Well, there are all sorts of people out there.'
AND A VOICE.
I FOUND OUT LATER THAT THAT WAS REGGAE MUSIC.
THE VOICE I HEARD MIGHT'VE JUST BEEN SOMEONE ELSE'S CONVER-SATION THAT I HAPPENED TO OVERHEAR
BUT IT...
FELT LIKE IT WAS CONNECTED TO MY LIFE SOMEHOW.

I WAS A LITTLE SCARED TO COME HERE.
I want to talk
HEARING YOU MOVED,
AND THIS TEXT WAS ALL YOU SENT ME
...
YAMA,
YOU MADE IT TO TWENTY YEARS OLD, RIGHT?
I GUESS IT WAS KINDA SHORT.
PSHHHH
YEAH, REALLY SHORT!
'I'll die around age 20'
PSHHHH
...
YOU CAN STILL TALK...

I NEARLY DIED.
THAT WAS TRUE.
PSHHHH
PSHHHH
THAT'S WHY I HAD YOU COME HERE, KIYOHARU.
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.
PSHHHH

I HAD WEIRD DREAMS A LOT.
I FINALLY COULDN'T BREATHE THAT WELL ANYMORE, SO I SLEPT LIGHTLY.
I KNOW.
I'LL DIE AT AGE 20.
ONE AT A TIME...
SO I'M NOT BOTHERING ANYONE, WHILE I'VE GOT THE CHANCE,
THEN, SO I DON'T CAUSE ANY-BODY ANY TROUBLE,

HITOSHI!
HITOSHI!
EVEN MAKING A JOKE OUT OF THIS BODY OF MINE...
I MADE THE FIRST MOVE.
BEFORE PEOPLE WERE FUSSING OVER IT OR ON GUARD FOR IT,
TRACHEO-TOMY...!?
BUT...
#2
POSITIVE MASK
SUPER POSITIVE
#1

A TRACHEOTOMY IS THE ONLY CHOICE.
THEN HOW WILL HE TALK AND EAT?
ARE YOU WILLING TO TRADE THAT FOR HIS LIFE?
POSITIVE MASK #3
HUH?
CRACK

Yamauchi Hitoshi
...
SO YOU'RE TELLING ME TO TAKE IT ALL,
AND THEN JUST QUIETLY GO OUT
LIKE A FLOWER THAT'S DONE BLOOMING?
YAMAUCHI HITOSHI, YOU MORON
YOU'RE NOT THAT STRONG,
NO.
YOU'RE NOT A MORON.
YAMA-UCHI
HITOSHI ISN'T AT FAULT.
SO I DON'T BOTHER ANYONE?
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.

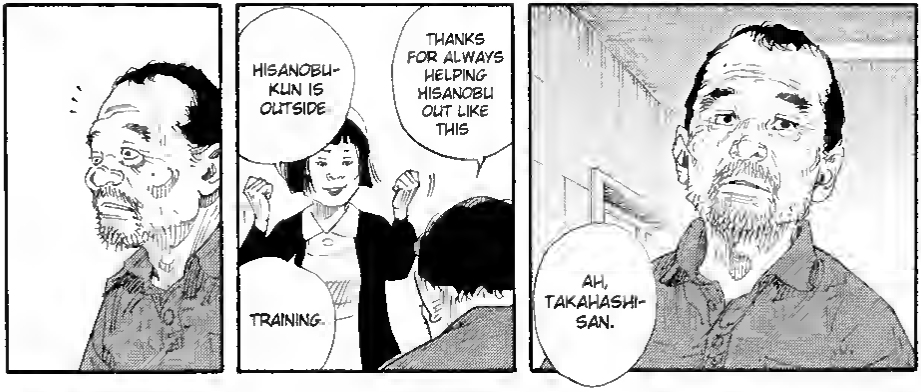
IT'S NOT A SIN TO BE SICK, RIGHT?

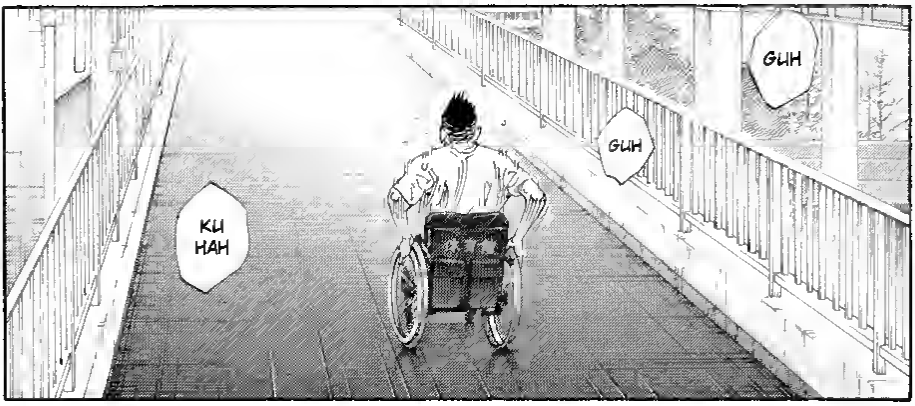
HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS PLACE?
神経医療研究センター病院
WELL, HE...
HE SCOURED THE INTERNET RESEARCHING IT.
THERE'RE MANY PEOPLE HERE WITH THE SHYAME DISEASE.
ADULTS AND CHILDREN.
MUCH LIKE MYSHELF ONCE.
HE HEARD ABOUT DOCTOR HOKETSU FROM READING BLOGS WRITTEN BY PEOPLE WITH THE SAME DISEASE.
IZZAT SO?
TIGER

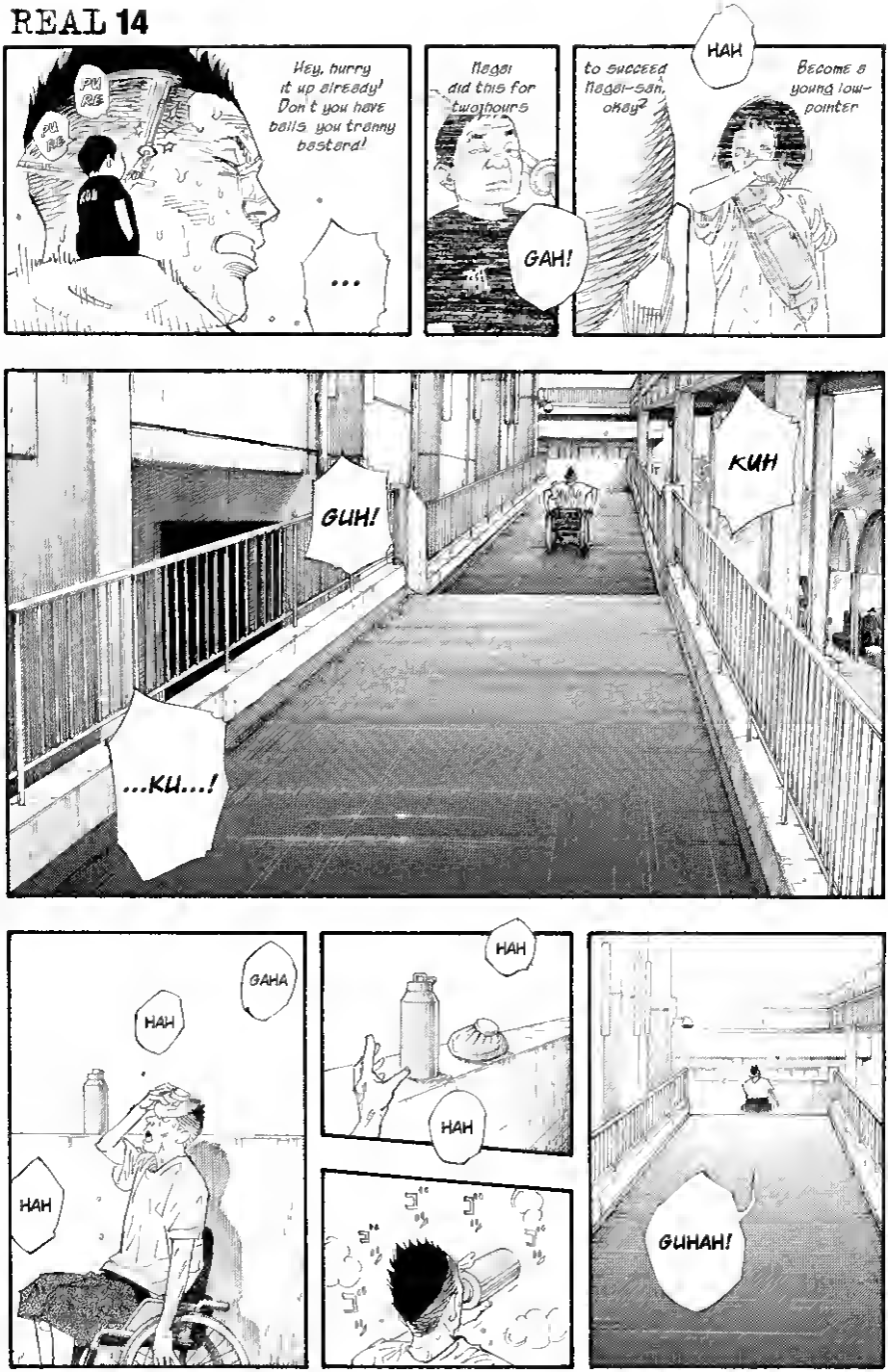
WE CANNOT CURE THE DISEASE ITSHELF.
NOR CAN WE BETTER THE SHYMPTOMS,
YOU'VE PUT ON SHOME WEIGHT. HAVEN'T YOU?
TAKETOMI-SHAAN, HOW OLD ARE YOU AGAIN?
THIRTY-EIGHT.
BUT,
THAT MAN OVER THERE, NOMURA-KUN, IS TWENTY-NINE.
...!!

THERE'S SHTILL NO WAY TO CURE IT,
BUT AS FAR AS LIFE SPAN GOES,
USING PROGRESS MADE WITH BREATHING DEVICES, WE CAN REALLY EXTEND IT.
WITH NUTRITION,
MEDICINE,
AND ADVANCES IN REHABILI-TATION——
SOME CAN LIVE TO FORTY,
OR EVEN FIFTY YEARSH OLD.

WHEN'S THE TIGERS' NEXT PRACTICE?
I WANNA GO WATCH.


HISANOBU-KUN IS OUTSIDE
THANKS FOR ALWAYS HELPING HISANOBU OUT LIKE THIS
TRAINING...
AH, TAKAHASHI-SAN.


GUH
GUH
KU HAH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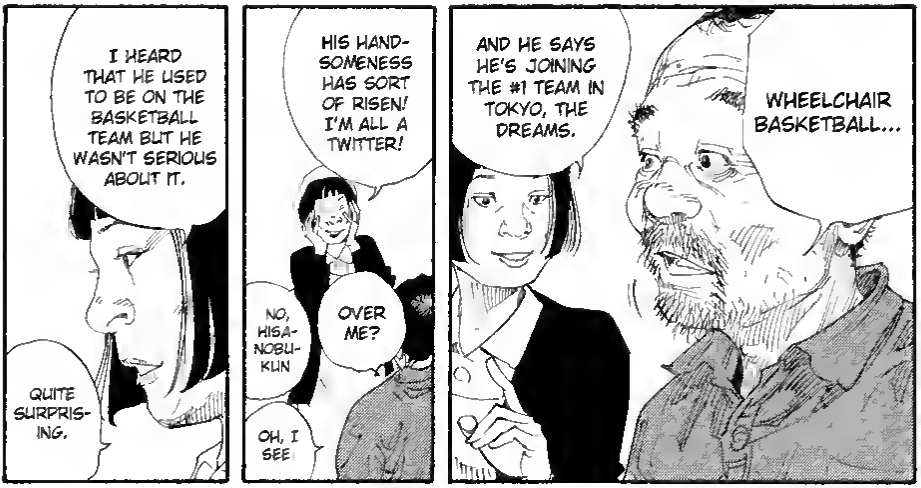
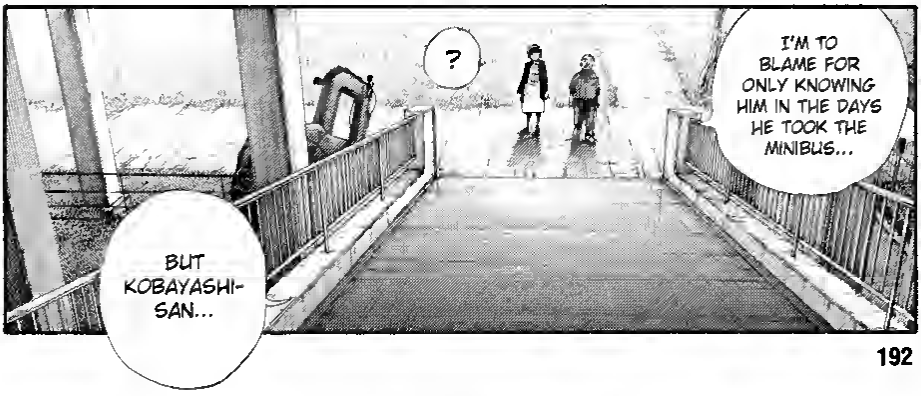
RE
Hey, hurry it up already! Don't you have balls you tranny bastard!
...
Nagai did this for two hours
GAH!
to succeed Nagai-san, okay?
HAH
Become a young low-pointer
GUH!
KUH
...KU...!
GAHA
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
GUHAH!

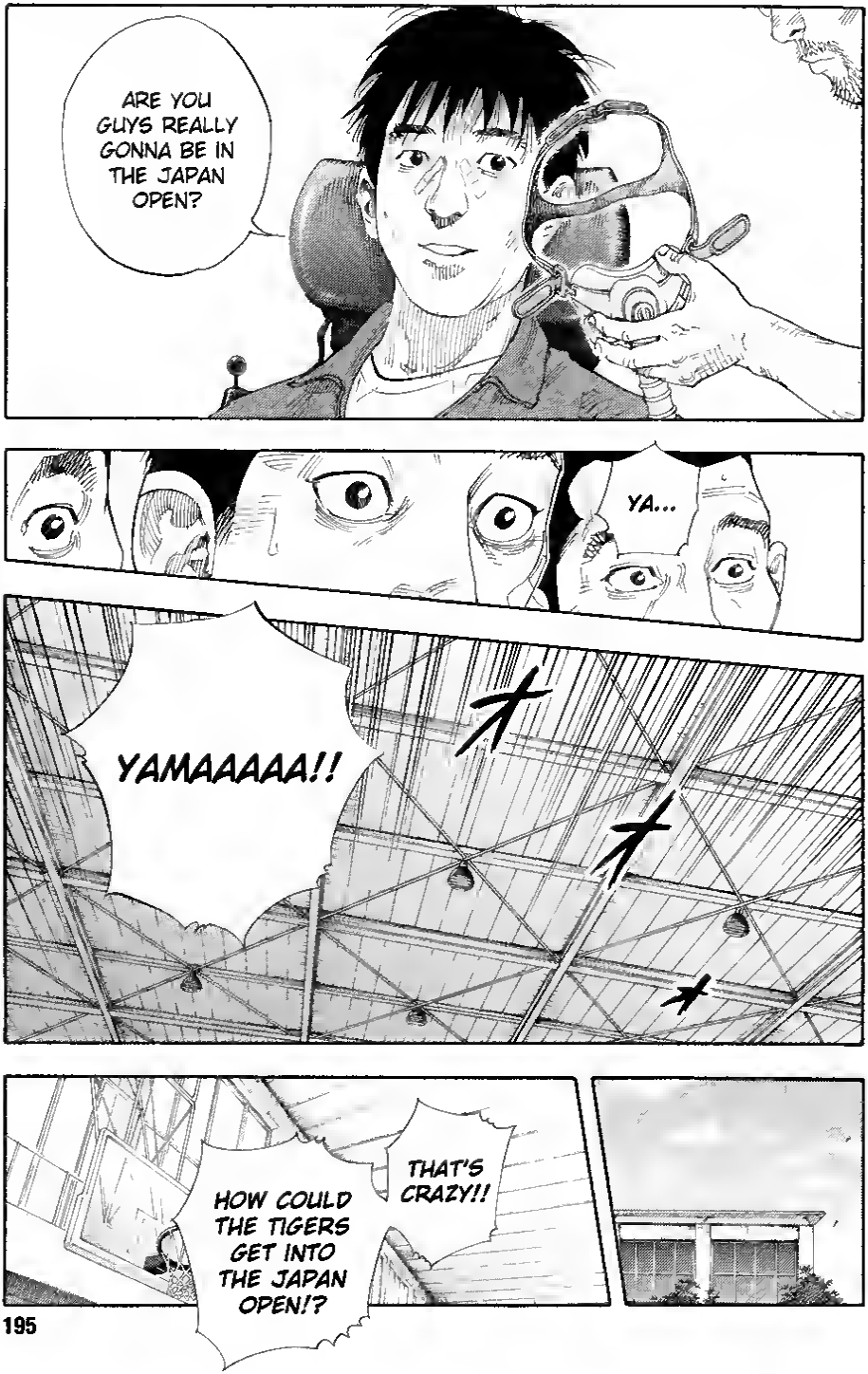

I HEARD THAT HE USED TO BE ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM BUT HE WASN'T SERIOUS ABOUT IT.
QUITE SURPRISING.
HIS HANDSOMENESS HAS SORT OF RISEN! I'M ALL A TWITTER!
NO, HISANOBU-KUN
OVER ME?
OH, I SEE
AND HE SAYS HE'S JOINING THE #1 TEAM IN TOKYO, THE DREAMS.
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL...

HISANOBU...


?
I'M TO BLAME FOR ONLY KNOWING HIM IN THE DAYS HE TOOK THE MINIBUS...
BUT KOBAYASHI-SAN...

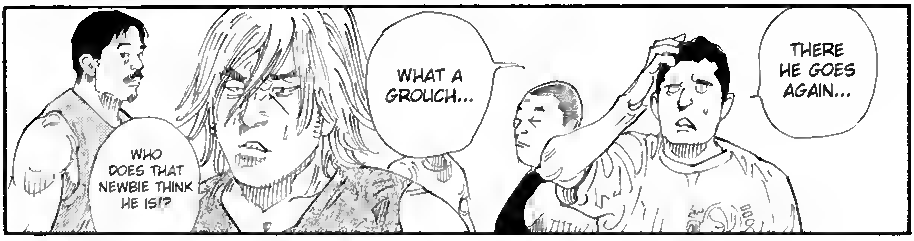
I CAN'T EVEN LIFT MY ARMS ANYMORE...!!
AFTER ALL THAT, I JUST BARELY MADE TWENTY MINUTES
TWO HOURS? IS NAGAI-SAN A MONSTER?
HAH
HAH
SHIT.
THE HISANOBU I KNOW
WAS ALWAYS A SERIOUS HARD WORKER....

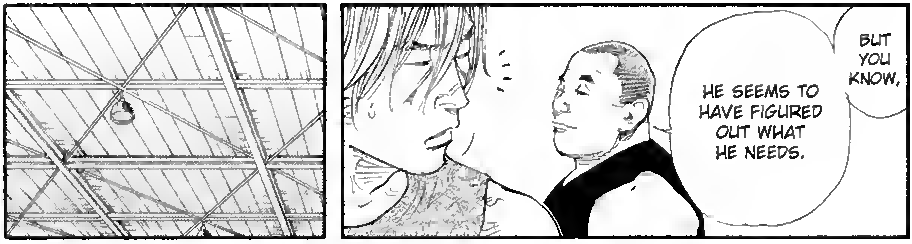
?
GOOD AFTER-NOOOOON!!
HILL
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE!?
NO-MIYA?
OOTA-KUN!?
HEY!
HOLD ON.
YA...
NO WAY...


ARE YOU GUYS REALLY GONNA BE IN THE JAPAN OPEN?
YA...
YAMAAAAA!!
THAT'S CRAZY!!
HOW COULD THE TIGERS GET INTO THE JAPAN OPEN!?

WHO CARES ABOUT THE TIGERS, AOKI?
TAKE A LOOK AT THE BRACKET.
THEY'RE REPLACING THE FUKUOKA HAWKS THAT DROPPED OUT.
AND THEY HAVE THE RECORD OF WINNING THE OORURI CUP AND COMING IN 2ND IN TOKYO.
MAYBE IT WAS EASIER TO ASK THEM SINCE THE EVENT'S HELD IN TOKYO?
BUT MAN, THIS IS UNACCEPT-ABLE!
Tokyo Tigers
Warriors
rubers
Choufu Dreams
WE CAN GET REVENGE ON THE WARRIORS THAT BEAT US IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP!!
THAT'S OUR MAIN FOCUS GOING INTO THIS TOURNAMENT!!
THE TIGERS DON'T HAVE A PRAYER!!
IF HE HASN'T QUIT BY THEN, THAT IS.
KEKE KE!
A match-
With the tigers ?
Like I care
TRUE,
BUT IF THEIR PRAYERS GET AN-SWERED,
AND WE DO END UP AGAINST THE TIGERS, IT'D BE EASY ENOUGH TO PUT TAKAHASHI IN

DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME.
I'M GOING TO DO LAPS OUTSIDE.


WHO DOES THAT NEWBIE THINK HE IS!?
WHAT A GROUCH...
THERE HE GOES AGAIN...

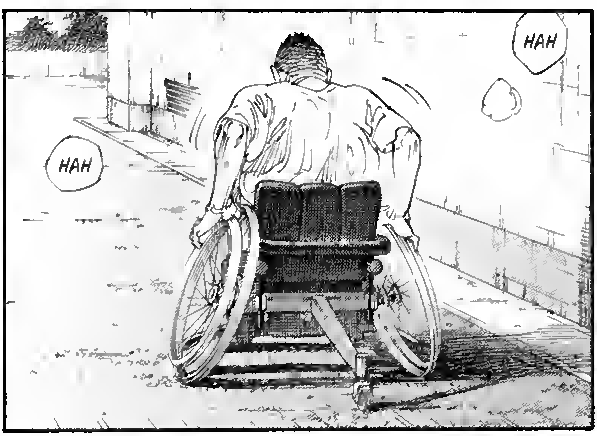

HE SEEMS TO HAVE FIGURED OUT WHAT HE NEEDS.
BUT YOU KNOW,

I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT IT, BUT YAMA HERE KNOWS ABOUT WHEN THE TEAM WAS ESTABLISHED.
THAT'S THE TEAM THAT
THE LEGENDARY KATSUTA TORA MADE, THE TOKYO TIGERS.
ANYTHING YOU CAN TELL US, YAMA?
BAD, I GUESS?
?
WERE LED BY TORA-SAN AND WERE SORTA...
PSHHHH
PSHHH
WELL, BACK THEN, THE TIGERS...
ARGUMENTS AND FIGHTS WITHIN THE TEAM WAS AN EVERYDAY OCCURANCE.
THEY WERE BASICALLY A BUNCH OF ROUGHNECKS.
PSHHH
PSHHH
AND IN GAMES, THEY WERE ALWAYS THE BAD GUYS.
...

SILENCE THE PEOPLE WHO'D SAY THAT THEY COULDN'T DO IT.
PSHHHH
THAT WAS IN THE TIGERS' GENES.
PSHHH
BUT THAT WAS OKAY.
YAMA.
THOSE DREAMS GUYS HAVE REALLY BEEN AT IT A WHILE NOW...
THEY'RE SITTING ON THE THRONE AS THE KINGS OF TOKYO LIKE THAT'S HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE.
...
...
SUCK-P

LET'S TEAR THEM DOWN OFF THAT THRONE.
PSHHHH

ALLLLL RIGHT!!
JUST YOU WAIT, DREAMS!
OUUH!
MORE SPEED!!
HAH
HAH
HAH



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